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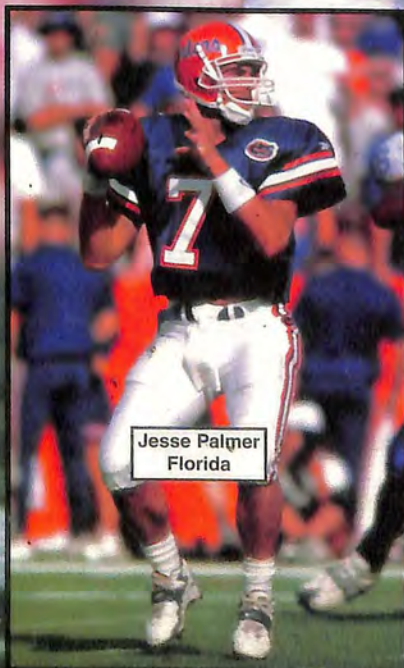
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## FIRST TEAM PRE-SEASON PICKS

### OFFENSE

QB Drew Brees - Purdue  
WR Peter Warrick - Florida State  
WR R. Jay Soward - Southern Cal  
TE Ibn Green - Louisville  
RB Ron Dayne - Wisconsin  
RB Jamal Lewis - Tennessee  
OC Casey Rabach - Wisconsin  
OG Rob Murphy - Ohio State  
OG Jason Whitaker - Florida State  
OT Chad Clifton - Tennessee  
OT Jonathan Gray - Texas Tech  
PK Sabastian Janikowski - Florida State

### DEFENSE

DL Darren Howard - Kansas State  
DL Corey Simon - Florida State  
DL Chris Hovan - Boston College  
DL Dennis Johnson - Kentucky  
LB Brandon Short - Penn State  
LB Orantes Grant - Georgia  
LB Mark Simoneau - Kansas State  
DB Tyrone Carter - Minnesota  
DB Ralph Brown - Nebraska  
DB Ahmed Plummer - Ohio State  
DB Jarrod Cooper - Kansas State  
P Shane Lechler - Texas A&M

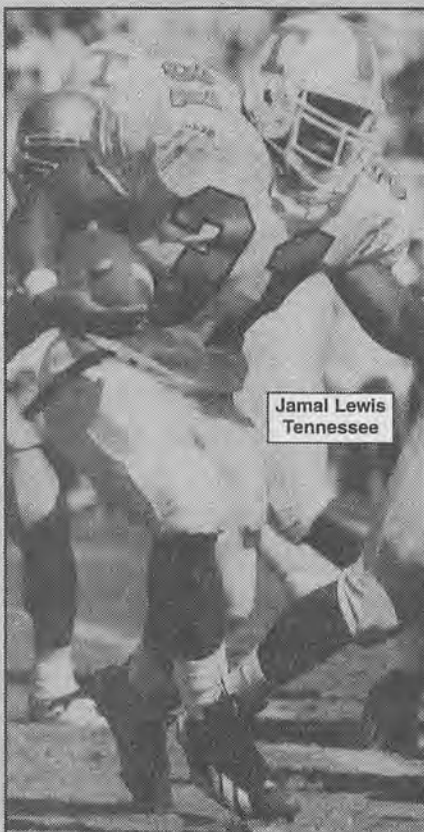
### Second Team A-A Selections

#### OFFENSE

QB Chad Pennington - Marshall  
WR Danny Farmer - UCLA  
WR Quinton Spotwood - Syracuse  
TE Alge Crumpler - North Carolina  
RB Ricky Williams - Texas Tech  
RB J.R. Redmond - Arizona State  
OC Mike McLaughlin - Stanford  
OG Steve Hutchinson - Michigan  
OG Cosey Coleman - Tennessee  
OT Chris McIntosh - Wisconsin  
OT Ross Brannon - Florida State  
PK Nathan Villegas - Oregon

#### DEFENSE

DL Corey Moore - Virginia Tech  
DL Adewale Ogunleye - Indiana  
DL Darwin Walker - Tennessee  
DL Adalius Thomas - Southern Miss  
LB LaVar Arrington - Penn State  
LB Nail Diggs - Ohio State  
LB Rob Morris - BYU  
DB Lamar Chapman - Kansas State  
DB Mario Edwards - Florida State  
DB Mike Brown - Nebraska  
DB Tim Smith - Stanford  
P Kevin Stemke - Wisconsin



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Tennessee

### Third Team A-A Selections

#### OFFENSE

QB Chris Redman - Louisville  
WR Sherrod Gideon - Southern Miss  
WR Anthony Lucas - Arkansas  
TE Tim Stratton - Purdue  
RB Trung Canidate - Arizona  
RB Michael Wiley - Ohio State  
OC Kurt Murphy - Ohio State  
OG Travis Claridge - Southern Cal  
OG Roger Roesler - Texas  
OT Todd Wade - Mississippi  
OT Chris Samuels - Alabama  
PK Shayne Graham - Virginia Tech

#### DEFENSE

DL Courtney Brown - Penn State  
DL Robaire Smith - Michigan State  
DL Jabari Issa - Washington  
DL Aaron Schobel - TCU  
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by Joseph Del Popolo, Sr., Editor

Death, taxes and Florida State ranked at or near the top of the pre-season polls each year. Is there anything else in life that is as sure as those three things? Not lately, dear readers, and as has been said with tongue in cheek on many occasions, it's gonna be deja-vu all over again because Bobby Bowden's super Seminoles are GAMEPLAN's choice to grab the brass ring this season.

The Tennessee Volunteers won't let go of that prize without a huge struggle. With another potent offense and grudging defense at their disposal, the Vols are gonna be very tough to beat this year. And so are Penn State, Arizona, Nebraska and Florida. Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions boast a well-balanced attack and a defense that is so mean it snacks on little children; the Wildcats will field an explosive offense that could score in a convent; the Cornhuskers are just plain tough; and Steve Spurrier's Gators will be powered by a potent offense that'll go through their foes almost as well as Bill Clinton would go through a Girl Scout troop!

Rounding out our pre-season Top 10 are Michigan, Texas A&M, Ohio State and Kansas State. The Wolverines are rock-solid on both sides of the ball, as are the well-coached Aggies, while the Buckeyes and Wildcats will go as far as their outstanding defenses take them -- and it could be very, very far!

As for the other 15 teams in our Top 25, any of them are capable of breaking into the Top Ten as the season progresses. And we also believe there are 23 other teams who could be heard from in a big way this year. In no particular order they are: LSU, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, Louisville, Houston, Southern Miss, Michigan State, Marshall, North Carolina, Virginia, NC State, Clemson, Arizona State, Washington, Stanford, California, BYU, Air Force and TCU.

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- 2 - Tennessee
- 3 - Penn State
- 4 - Arizona
- 5 - Nebraska
- 6 - Florida
- 7 - Michigan
- 8 - Texas A&M
- 9 - Ohio State
- 10 - Kansas State
- 11 - Wisconsin
- 12 - Colorado
- 13 - Texas
- 14 - UCLA
- 15 - Virginia Tech
- 16 - Georgia
- 17 - Notre Dame
- 18 - Alabama
- 19 - Miami, Fla.
- 20 - Georgia Tech
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Alabama	119	72	47
Alabama-Birmingham	107	65	42
Arizona	124	75	49
Arizona State	117	72	45
Arkansas	118	71	47
Arkansas State	107	65	42
Army	111	67	44
Auburn	116	68	48
Ball State	107	65	42
Baylor	111	67	44
Boise State	112	69	43
Boston College	113	67	46
Bowling Green	112	68	44
Brigham Young	115	69	46
Buffalo	107	66	41
California	116	69	47
Central Florida	113	69	44
Central Michigan	112	67	45
Cincinnati	111	68	43
Clemson	116	69	47
Colorado	121	71	50
Colorado State	112	67	45
Duke	113	67	46
East Carolina	111	68	43
Eastern Michigan	110	66	44
Florida	124	75	49
Florida State	125	73	52
Fresno State	112	67	45
Georgia	120	73	47
Georgia Tech	119	73	46
Hawaii	107	64	43
Houston	114	69	45
Idaho	113	70	43
Illinois	113	67	46
Indiana	116	69	47
Iowa	114	68	46

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Kent State	105	64	41
Kentucky	117	73	44
Louisiana State	117	71	46
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West Virginia	117	70	47
Western Michigan	114	70	44
Wisconsin	121	71	50
Wyoming	114	68	46





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# Using The Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each team has three ratings:

Power Rating (PR)  
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These ratings allow the user to:

I. Estimate the PROBABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCORES of opposing teams.

The Power Rating of the lower rated team is deducted from the Power Rating of the higher rated team. The result is the number of points by which the higher rated team is expected to win.

Example: California Power Rating..... 116  
Rutgers Power Rating..... 109  
California to win by..... 7 points

II. Get an instant PrePlay of a game (estimate the PROBABLE SCORE of each of two opposing teams).

The Offensive Rating of a given team, minus the Defensive Rating of its opponent, is the estimated score for the given team.

Example: California Offensive Rating..... 69  
Rutgers Defensive Rating..... 42  
California to score 27 points  
  
Rutgers Offensive Rating..... 67  
California Defensive Rating..... 47  
Rutgers to score 20 points

The instant PrePlay (estimated game score) is then,  
California 27, Rutgers 20.

## THE UPDATING PROCEDURE

The Updating procedure is based on the variance (error) between estimated and actual differences in scores (or how far off the estimates were from actual scores). Note that adjustment factors need not be taken into account in updating the basic ratings.

Updating is achieved with this easy to use chart (below). The chart shows the number of points to be added to or deducted from team ratings for a given variance between the estimated and actual difference in scores.

VARIANCE:	POINT CHANGE		
	IN POWER RATING	IN OFFENSIVE RATING	IN DEFENSIVE RATING
0 to 4	0	0	0
5 to 9	1	1	0
10 to 14	2	1	1
15 to 19	3	2	1
20 +	4	2	2

Note: There is less need for adjustment as the season progresses. It is recommended that the amount of adjustment be limited to a maximum of 3 points after the fifth game, and 2 points after the eighth game of the season for each team.

Example: From Stat-Key Power Ratings

California to win over  
Rutgers by 7 points.

Hypothetical Result of Game  
If California won by 17 points.

Then California won by 10 points more than estimated (variance). The chart shows that the amount of correction to ratings for a 10 point variance is

Power Rating..... 2 points  
Offensive Rating..... 1 point  
Defensive Rating..... 1 point

These amounts are added to the ratings of the team that the variance was in favor of (California), and subtracted from the ratings of the other team (Rutgers).

Thus, the ratings here would be updated as follows

<b>California</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>DR</b>
original ratings	116	69	47
updated ratings	118	70	48

<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>DR</b>
original ratings	109	67	42
updated ratings	107	66	41

To make the Stat-Key easier to use, we recommend the reader make up simple forms, similar in design to the Stat-Key Table. If updating is accomplished properly, the reader will enjoy the use of the Stat-Key system for the entire season.



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# Stat-Key System in Actual Use

Five games were selected from the first two weeks of the season to serve as typical examples of the Stat-Key in use. All games from those weeks are not included because of the many variables (outside factors) that can develop up to game time that could have an affect on the outcome. Even with the five examples used it is assumed that weather will not be abnormal and that personnel will have sustained no significant injuries.

\* Home Team  
OR = Offensive Rating  
DR = Defensive Rating

<b>California *</b>	116	Power Rating
<b>Rutgers</b>	<u>109</u>	Power Rating
California favored by	7	points
California home advantage	<u>+10</u>	
<b>California to win by</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>points</b>

(Rutgers will be improved on both sides of the ball this season, but we believe the Scarlet Knights will be in over their heads in this game. True, the Golden Bears will be starting a new quarterback here, but we expect their offense to be more adept at moving the pig than it was a year ago. And the California defense, which is very strong, will surrender very little to the Rutgers' offense. Simply stated, this game could be a blowout!)

#### Instant PrePlay:

California	69 OR	Rutgers	67 OR
Rutgers	<u>42 DR</u>	California	<u>47 DR</u>
California		Rutgers	
to score	27 points	to score	20 points

**Score expected to vary by +10 points in California's favor.**

<b>Arizona State *</b>	117	Power Rating
<b>Texas Tech</b>	<u>114</u>	Power Rating
Arizona State favored by	3	points
ASU home advantage	<u>+7</u>	
<b>Arizona State to win by</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>points</b>

(In this matchup of high-powered offenses, we have to give the edge to Arizona State because the Sun Devils are at home and their defense should be a lot tougher to penetrate than it was last season. As for the Texas Tech defense, the Red Raiders are always tough to move against, but their stop unit did lose several big-play people to graduation, and we have a hunch the Sun Devil strike force will burn the Techsters in a big way!)

#### Instant PrePlay:

Arizona State	72 OR	Texas Tech	69 OR
Texas Tech	<u>45 DR</u>	Ariz. State	<u>45 DR</u>
Arizona State		Texas Tech	
to score	27 points	to score	24 points

**Score expected to vary by +7 points in Arizona State's favor.**

<b>Michigan *</b>	123	Power Rating
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<u>120</u>	Power Rating
Michigan favored by	3	points
Michigan home advantage	<u>+7</u>	
<b>Michigan to win by</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>points</b>

(This is a big-time revenge game because the Wolverines lost to the Fighting Irish last year by a score of 36-20. Even though the Irish lost seven offensive starters to graduation, they still have Jarious Jackson back to pilot their attack, so their offense figures to be just as good as Michigan's. But their defense, though it will be improved this season, will not be as tough as the Wolverine stop troops. And that will spell the difference in this game.)

#### Instant PrePlay:

Michigan	73 OR	Notre Dame	71 OR
Notre Dame	<u>49 DR</u>	Michigan	<u>50 DR</u>
Michigan		Notre Dame	
to score	24 points	to score	21 points

**Score expected to vary by +7 points in Michigan's favor.**

<b>Michigan State *</b>	117	Power Rating
<b>Oregon</b>	<u>114</u>	Power Rating
Mich. State favored by	3	points
Mich. State home advantage	<u>+14</u>	
<b>Mich. State to win by</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>points</b>

(The Spartans were humiliated by the Ducks last season, so they'll be in a payback frame of mind here. With quarterback Akili Smith now doing his thing in the NFL, there is no way that Oregon will be as proficient at moving the pig as it was a year ago. And their defense, though it will be saltier than it was last season, is not strong enough to repel MSU's strike force. When you factor in the stingy Spartan stop troops, there can be only one outcome in this game: Michigan State wins!)

#### Instant PrePlay:

Mich. State	72 OR	Oregon	69 OR
Oregon	<u>45 DR</u>	Mich. State	<u>45 DR</u>
Mich. State		Oregon	
to score	27 points	to score	24 points

**Score expected to vary by +14 points in Mich. State's favor.**

<b>Southern Miss *</b>	114	Power Rating
<b>Tulane</b>	<u>113</u>	Power Rating
Southern Miss favored by	1	point
S. Miss home advantage	<u>+9</u>	
<b>Southern Miss to win by</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>points</b>

(If Tulane could score only 21 points against Southern Miss with the now-graduated Shaun King at the controls last season, how in the world can the Green Wave score more points against the Golden Eagles without King at quarterback this year? They can't!! In fact, Tulane's offense may be shut down completely by the hard-nosed Southern Miss defense in this game. Which is the primary reason why the Golden Eagles will fly high here!)

#### Instant PrePlay:

S. Miss	67 OR	Tulane	70 OR
Tulane	<u>43 DR</u>	S. Miss	<u>47 DR</u>
S. Miss		Tulane	
to score	24 points	to score	23 points

**Score expected to vary by +9 points in Southern Miss' favor.**



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# SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

## East Division

### TENNESSEE

(13-0-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	23
	Returning	46
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	7

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!** That's what the Volunteers were last season when they won all 13 games they played, including a hard-hitting victory (23-16) over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. And the Vols could turn that trick again this season -- but only if Head Coach Phillip Fulmer is able to successfully rebuild his offensive line and receiving corps.

Hoping he at least achieves the latter objective is senior quarterback Tee Martin (6-3, 215), who did everything asked of him in his first season as a starter last year when he completed 153 of 267 passes (57.3%) for 2,164 yards and 19 touchdowns with just six interceptions, and also ran for 287 yards and seven scores on 103 carries (a 2.8 avg.). Martin will be supported by sophomore letterman Burney Veazey (6-2, 195), A-A redshirt freshman Joey Mathews (6-3, 210) and A-A frosh recruit A.J. Suggs (6-5, 210).

The receiving corps will be built around junior wideout Cedrick Wilson (5-10, 180), who last year caught 33 passes for 558 yards and six touch-

downs. Junior letterman David Martin (6-4, 210) should get the starting call at the other wide receiver position, while sure-handed sophomore John Finlayson (6-4, 280) and strong-blocking junior Neil Johnson (6-4, 260) are expected to run 1-2 at tight end. Projected as top reserves at the wideouts are sophomore letterman Eric Parker (6-0, 170) and big-play redshirt freshmen Donte Stallworth (6-2, 195) and Leonard Scott (5-11, 175).

Tennessee's running game will be powered by perhaps the best tailback trio in the land -- juniors Jamal Lewis (6-0, 225), Travis Henry (5-11, 220) and Travis Stephens (5-9, 190). Playing in only the first four games because of a season-ending injury last fall, Lewis scampered for 497 yards and three TDs on 73 carries (a 6.8 avg!), while Henry and Stephens ran for a combined 1,447 yards and 11 touchdowns on a total of 283 totes (a 5.1 avg.). The fullback position will be shared by sophomore Will Bartholomew (6-0, 230) and senior Phillip Crosby (6-1, 245), both of whom lettered while playing extensively last season.

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Spencer Riley (6-3, 310, sr.), All-SEC guard Cosey Coleman (6-5, 320, jr.) and All-SEC tackle Chad Clifton (6-6, 325, sr.). Lettermen Toby Champion (6-4, 310, jr.) and Josh Tucker (6-4, 310, sr.) are expected to fill the vacant guard and tackle slots, respectively, while the top reserves in the O-line will be converted defensive tackle Fred Weary (6-4, 295, so.), junior letterman Bernard Gooden (6-3, 315) and three newcomers with prep A-A credentials -- frosh recruit Greg Barnum (6-1, 295) and redshirt freshmen Tim Hodges (6-8, 315) and Will Ofenheuse (6-8, 320).

Defensively, the Vols will be led into battle by powerful All-SEC tackle Darwin Walker (6-3, 290, sr.), who last year made 46 tackles, including 11 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. Also returning to his starting spot here is senior end Shaun Ellis (6-4, 280), while lettermen DeAngelo Lloyd (6-5, 270, jr.) and Will Overstreet (6-4, 260, so.) will duke it out for starting rights at the other flank post. 1998 co-regular Billy Ratliff (6-3, 280, sr.) should take over at the tackle position opposite Walker, with strong back-up support in the D-line coming from lettermen Roger Alexander (6-3, 240, sr.) and Bernard Jackson (6-4, 265, so.), as well as five newcomers with All-American credentials -- sophomore John Henderson (6-7, 290), redshirt freshman Rashad Moore (6-4, 295) and super frosh recruits Albert Haynesworth (6-6, 320), Constantin Ritzmann (6-4, 260) and Charles Roberson (6-3, 250).

The linebacking corps is headed by big-play OLBs Raynoch Thompson (6-3, 230, sr.) and Eric Westmoreland (6-0, 220, jr.), who last year ranked 1-2 on the team tackle charts when they recorded an aggregate 168 stops, including 21 for minus yardage. 1998 co-regulars Chris Ramseur (5-10, 220, jr.) and Judd Granzow (6-4, 245, jr.), who made a total of 75 tackles in '98, are having at it for starting rights at the MLB position, while others in the LB mix are junior lettermen Austin Kemp (6-2, 230) and Dominique Stevenson (6-0, 220), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Keyon Whiteside (6-2, 235).

The secondary boasts three returning starters --

### 1998 Tennessee Final Statistics

	Tennessee	Opp
Points per game	34	14
1st Downs	234	203
Rush Att	517	420
Rush Yards	2536	1127
Avg Rush	4.9	2.7
Pass Comp	157	213
Pass Att	275	406
Pass Yds	2250	2509
Had Int	7	16
Off Yds per game	399	303

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at Syracuse	(PK)	W	34-33
19 Florida	(+3)	W	20-17
26 Houston	(-27 1/2)	W	42-7
O. 3 at Auburn	(-6 1/2)	W	17-9
10 at Georgia	(+3)	W	22-3
24 Alabama	(-17 1/2)	L	35-18
31 at S Carolina	(-17)	W	49-14
N. 7 Alabama-Birm	(-42)	L	37-13
14 Arkansas	(-9 1/2)	L	28-24
21 Kentucky	(-11)	W	59-21
28 at Vanderbilt	(-28 1/2)	W	41-0
D. 5 vs Mississippi St	(-14 1/2)	L	24-14
J. 4 vs Florida St	(+5 1/2)	W	23-16

cornerback Dwayne Goodrich (6-0, 185, sr.), free safety Deon Grant (6-3, 205, jr.) and strong safety Fred White (5-11, 200, sr.). Junior letterman Andre Lott (5-11, 185) should fill the vacant CB slot, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be 1998 co-regular (at strong safety) Derrick Edmonds (5-10, 185, sr.), JUCO transfer Anthony Sessions (6-1, 210, jr.) and lettermen Gerald Griffin (6-1, 195, sr.), Tad Golden (6-1, 190, so.), Willie Miles (6-0, 175, so.) and Mikki Allen (6-0, 180, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With Martin and Lewis performing like the troopers they are, the jokes are gonna be on a lot of people when Tennessee's well-balanced offense is on the attack since we expect this unit to be just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 399 yards and 34 points per game. And because the defense will again be very tough to run on and a bit improved in defending the pass, Tennessee's stop troops will be more difficult to penetrate than they were last season when they surrendered averages of only 303 yards and 14 points per outing. The Vols may not run the table again this season, but if they don't, they're gonna eat most of what's on it!

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# FLORIDA

(10-2-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	23
	Returning	53
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	3

Head Coach Steve Spurrier fielded another powerhouse at Florida last season as the Gators won 10 games, including a 31-10 domination of Syracuse in the Orange Bowl. And the beat will go on in Gainesville this year -- but only if Coach Spurrier can rebuild a miserly defense that lost more quality performers than you'd find in a Paris brothel!

As for Florida's offense, this explosive unit will again be piloted by alternating quarterbacks Doug Johnson (6-2, 215, sr.) and Jesse Palmer (6-2, 215, jr.). Johnson, who started the last five games of the '98 season after Palmer went down for the count with a broken clavicle, completed 154 of 274 passes (56.2%) for 2,346 yards and 19 touchdowns over the entire campaign, while Palmer hit on 73 of 123 tosses (59.3%) for 1,246 yards and 14 TDs during the six games he started and played in.

The receiving corps will be headed by junior wideout Travis Taylor (6-1, 190) and senior tight end Erron Kinney (6-6, 270). A year ago, Taylor caught 37 passes for 676 yards and nine touchdowns, while three of Kinney's eight receptions went for TDs. The WR post opposite Taylor will be shared by 1998 co-regulars Darrell Jackson (6-0, 195, jr.) and Alex Willis (6-0, 175, jr.), who caught a combined 36 passes for 536 yards and five scores last season.

In trying to strengthen Florida's running game, Coach Spurrier will go with a tailback-by-committee approach as no fewer than five players will get a chance to strut their stuff at this all-important position. The leading candidate to start at TB is sophomore Robert Gillespie (5-9, 180), who ran for 310 yards and two TDs as a true freshman last fall, but we believe he'll lose out to A-A redshirt freshman Earnest Graham (5-9, 220), one of the very best RBs in the prep ranks two years ago.

## 1998 Florida Final Statistics

	Florida	Opp
Points per game	32	14
1st Downs	228	165
Rush Att	337	393
Rush Yards	1274	998
Avg Rush	3.8	2.5
Pass Comp	238	197
Pass Att	417	380
Pass Yds	3807	2155
Had Int	15	13
Off Yds per game	462	287

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	The Citadel	(NL)		49-10
12	NE Louisiana	(-43)	L	42-10
19	at Tennessee	(-3)	L	17-20
26	Kentucky	(-21)	L	51-35
O. 3	at Alabama	(-17)	L	16-10
10	Louisiana St	(-12 1/2)	L	22-10
17	Auburn	(-19 1/2)	W	24-3
31	vs Georgia	(-11 1/2)	W	28-7
N. 7	at Vanderbilt	(-29 1/2)	W	45-13
14	S Carolina	(-32)	L	33-14
21	at Florida St	(+2 1/2)	L	12-23
J. 2	vs Syracuse	(-7)	W	31-10

Also a prominent figure in the TB mix is junior letterman Bo Carroll (5-9, 170), while junior Rod Frazier (5-11, 230) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by impressive sophomores Rob Roberts (6-2, 245) and Luke Farmer (6-0, 240).

Up front, the Gators boast returning starters and great depth at all five positions in the O-line. Zac Zedalis (6-3, 300, jr.) is over the ball at center; Ryan Kalich (6-3, 305, sr.) and Cheston Blackshear (6-3, 290, sr.) fill the two guard slots; and Cooper Carlisle (6-6, 310, sr.) and Kenyatta Walker (6-5, 315, so.) man the two tackle posts. The primary reserves in this area are 1998 co-regular Corey Yarbrough (6-2, 305, sr.) and lettermen Ben Brown (6-5, 310, so.), Scott Bryan (6-4, 305, sr.), Leon Hires (6-4, 295, jr.) and Erik Strange (6-4, 295, so.).

Defensively, Florida's front seven was almost completely gutted by graduation and early departures to the NFL. A solid foundation to rebuild on is the DT duo of Derrick Chambers (6-4, 290, jr.) and Gerard Warren (6-4, 310, so.), who shared one tackle post last year and will start at the two tackle positions this season. They made a combined 55 tackles with seven QB sacks in '98. Also in the DT picture are junior Jayme Campbell (6-2, 270) and sophomore Thomas Moody (6-4, 290), while the two end posts will be shared by experienced lettermen Buck Gurley (6-2, 270, jr.), Thaddeus Bullard (6-4, 255, sr.) and Anthony Mitchell (6-5, 250, sr.), who recorded an aggregate 47 tackles last fall.

The new starters at linebacker are talented and experienced, but this unit will not be as strong as it was last season. The man in the middle will be Andra Davis (6-1, 250, so.), while Keith Kelsey (6-1, 255, sr.) and Alex Brown (6-3, 255, so.) will man the two outside backer posts. Junior letterman Teddy Sims (6-1, 240) and several blue-chip frosh recruits are being counted on to provide solid backup support in this area.

The secondary welcomes back two starters -- strong safety Rod Graddy (6-1, 205, jr.) and cornerback Bennie Alexander (5-9, 175, so.). 1998 part-time starter Robert Cromartie (5-9, 180, so.) should get the starting call at the CB spot opposite Alexander, while lettermen Lester Norwood (6-1, 195, so.) and Reggie Davis (6-0, 185, sr.) are expected to run 1-2 at free safety. Former tailback co-regular Eugene McCaslin (6-2, 220, sr.) will also be heard from in the deep zones, as will sophomore letterman Marquand Manuel (6-0, 195) and A-A frosh recruits Daryl Dixon (5-11, 185) and Lito Sheppard (5-11, 190).

Florida's kicking game will again be handled by placement specialist Jeff Chandler (6-2, 210, jr.) and punter David Wasielewski (5-10, 220, so.). Chandler hit on 11 of 15 field goal tries last year, while Wasielewski averaged 40.4 yards per kick on 52 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Gators will do a lot of damage with their prolific passing attack and improved ground game. We look for them to surpass their 1998 output of 462 yards and 32 points per game. Defensively, the Gators will be anything but pushovers when being attacked by aerial or overland forces -- but they won't be as stingy as they were last season when they surrendered lowly averages of 287 yards and 14 points per outing. The Gators may not win the SEC Championship this year, but if they don't, they're gonna have a helluva lot to say about who does!

# GEORGIA

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	47
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	5
	Defense	6

The Bulldogs did a lot better than we expected them to last year as they parlayed a potent attack and an opportunistic defense into nine big wins, including a victory over Virginia in the Peach Bowl. And they could easily repeat that performance this season.

Head Coach Jim Donnan will again hand the offensive reins to sophomore quarterback Quincy Carter (6-3, 220), who was simply sensational last season when he completed 176 of 290 passes (60.7%) for 2,484 yards and 12 touchdowns, while also running for 284 yards and four TDs on 99 carries (a 2.9 avg.). He'll be supported by senior letterman Jon England (6-1, 205) and two outstanding newcomers -- redshirt freshman Nate Hybl (6-4, 215) and frosh recruit Regan Torbert (6-4, 210).

The receiving corps will be rebuilt around junior wideouts Michael Greer (5-10, 175) and Thad Parker (5-9, 160), who last year caught a combined 26 passes for 438 yards and three scores while alternating at the flanker position. Junior letterman Jermaine Phillips (6-1, 200) expects to take over at split end, while fellow junior letterman Javaris Johnson (6-6, 250) hopes to start at tight end where he'll be supported by sophomore Randy McMichael (6-3, 230) and redshirt freshman Ian Knight (6-5, 255). A couple of newcomers who could contribute at wide receiver are A-A frosh recruits Durrell Robinson (6-2, 205) and Michael Johnson (6-4, 210), both of whom are big-play performers with outstanding speed.

Sharing the two running back positions will be Patrick Pass (5-11, 210, sr.), Jasper Sanks (6-0, 230, so.), Nick Callaway (5-10, 190, so.) and Rob Arnaud (5-11, 200, sr.), who ran for a total of 434 yards as co-regulars last fall. Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Miles Luckie (6-1, 290, sr.) and guards Steve Herndon (6-4, 295, sr.) and Jonas Jennings (6-4, 315, jr.). The two tackle posts are being fought for by 1998 backups Kelvin Williams (6-5, 295, sr.), Clint Larkin (6-3, 305, so.) and Reggie Stargill (6-2, 290, jr.), while the top reserves in the O-line are expected to be junior lettermen Brad Register (6-5, 280) and Brady Pate (6-5, 285), as well as super A-A frosh recruits Josh Billue (6-6, 310), Kevin Breedlove (6-5, 305) and Alex Jackson (6-5, 315).

Defensively, Georgia's strength is at linebacker where all three starters and their number one backups are back on the job. Leading the charge here is A-A candidate Orantes Grant (6-1, 225, sr.) at OLB, and he'll again team with OLB Dustin Luckie (6-1, 240, sr.) and MLB Adrian Hollingshed (6-2, 235, jr.). Grant made a team-leading 120 tackles last fall, while Luckie and Hollingshed recorded an aggregate 152 stops. Toiling as top reserves once more will be Will Witherspoon (6-1, 215, so.), Boss Bailey (6-3, 230, so.) and Mike Luckie (6-1, 240, sr.), who made a total of 82 tackles in '98.

The four-man trench will be anchored by tackle Richard Seymour (6-6, 295, jr.), who made 69 tackles with four QB sacks last season. 1998 co-regular Marcus Stroud (6-6, 300, jr.) and junior letterman Demetric Evans (6-3, 275) are first in line to man the two end posts, while '98 co-regulars Brandon Miller (6-1, 305, sr.) and Josh Mallard (6-2, 250, so.) are expected to share the nose





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## 1998 Georgia Final Statistics

	Georgia	Opp
Points per game	23	17
1st Downs	220	222
Rush Att	396	413
Rush Yards	1674	1508
Avg Rush	4.2	3.7
Pass Comp	190	222
Pass Att	315	379
Pass Yds	2745	2373
Had Int	11	19
Off Yds per game	402	353

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Kent	(-35)	W	56-3
12	at S Carolina	(-5 1/2)	W	17-3
19	Wyoming	(-19)	L	16-9
O. 3	at Louisiana St	(+8 1/2)	W	28-27
10	Tennessee	(-3)	L	3-22
17	Vanderbilt	(-27)	L	31-6
24	at Kentucky	(-1 1/2)	W	28-26
31	vs Florida	(+11 1/2)	L	7-38
N. 14	at Auburn	(-6)	W	28-17
21	Mississippi	(-12)	L	24-17
28	Georgia Tech	(-3)	L	19-21
D. 31	vs Virginia	(+2 1/2)	W	35-33

guard position. Also expected to contribute in a big way at DT and DE are A-A redshirt freshman Tyrone Robertson (6-5, 310) and big-play redshirt freshman David Jacobs (6-4, 270).

The secondary welcomes back two starters -- free safety Larry Mann (6-2, 195, sr.) and cornerback Jeff Harris (6-0, 180, sr.), who last year intercepted a combined seven passes and broke up a total of 19 other spirals. The vacant cornerback and strong safety berths are being fought for by '98 co-regulars Cory Robinson (5-11, 190, jr.), Earl Chambers (6-1, 200, sr.) and Quentin Davis (5-11, 185, sr.), while solid backup support in the deep zones will come from sophomore letterman Tim Wansley (5-8, 180), heralded JUCO transfer Jamie Henderson (6-2, 190, jr.) and highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Cap Burnett (6-1, 205) and Terrell Bierria (6-3, 210).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Piloted by exciting quarterback Quincy Carter, the well-balanced Georgia offense should be just as productive as it was last season when it averaged 402 yards and 23 points per game. And the Bulldog defense, though not an intimidating force, has the potential to be stingier than it was a year ago when it allowed respectable averages of 353 yards and 17 points per outing. All of which has us convinced that this very talented team could (if not should!) easily match its 1998 win total.

## KENTUCKY

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	53
	STARTERS RETURNING	4
	Offense	
	Defense	8

Rebuilding the most prolific offense in school history and continuing to improve an up-and-coming defense are the priorities for Head Coach Hal Mumme as he prepares his Wildcats for the upcoming campaign. And from our vantage point, it appears that Coach Mumme could be successful in both areas of endeavor -- but only if he finds a new quarterback and is able to reconstruct an offensive line that lost all five starters to graduation.

With super quarterback Tim Couch having opted for an early departure to the NFL, the leading candidate to replace him is sophomore letterman Dusty Bonner (6-2, 205), who redshirted last season after giving a very good account of himself two years ago when he completed 10 of 14 passes for 114 yards as a top reserve. Waiting in the wings should Bonner falter are heralded redshirt freshmen Chase Harp (6-4, 220) and Mike Scipione (6-6, 235), as well as A-A frosh recruit Jared Lorenzen (6-4, 240). In other words, the QB position is well-stocked with talented youngsters!

The receiving corps is headed by junior wide-out Quentin McCord (5-10, 185), who caught 37 passes for 435 yards and three touchdowns last season. Also in the regular rotation at WR will be Jimmy Robinson (6-3, 205, sr.) and Garry Davis (6-2, 205, jr.), who snared an aggregate 49 tosses for 593 yards and seven scores in '98. 1998 co-regular James Whalen (6-4, 240, sr.), who caught 23 passes for 239 yards and three TDs last fall, is back at tight end where he'll be supported by A-A frosh recruits Bobby Blizzard (6-7, 270) and Derek Smith (6-6, 250). The primary reserves at WR will be sophomore lettermen Dougie Allen (5-10, 170), Jermaine White (6-6, 210), Vince Harrison (5-11, 185) and Neal Brown (6-0, 175), who caught a total of 22 passes for 328 yards and four scores last season.

The two running back posts will again be manned by FB Derek Homer (5-11, 200, jr.) and HB Anthony White (6-1, 190, sr.), who ran for a combined 1,153 yards and nine touchdowns last year. They also caught a total of 119 passes for 821 yards while swinging out of the backfield. The top reserves here will be experienced lettermen Kendrick Shanklin (5-9, 170, so.), Martez Johnson (5-10, 185, so.) and A.J. Simon (5-11, 235, sr.), as well as all-star frosh recruit Artose Pinner (5-11, 200).

As previously mentioned, the offensive interior line was hit hard by graduation, but Coach Mumme is happy that the five new starters here are all battle-tested lettermen -- center Nolan DeVaughn (6-5, 310, so.), guards Josh Parrish (6-6, 320, so.) and Aaron Daniel (6-3, 285, jr.), and tackles Matt Brown (6-5, 310, so.) and Omar Smith (6-3, 290, jr.). Also vying for regular duty in the blocking corps will be sophomore letterman Derrick Johnson (6-2, 300) and six promising newcomers -- redshirt freshmen Matt Burke (6-6, 295) and Tramaine Gaines (6-4, 305), and frosh recruits Drew Ashcraft (6-5, 300), Keith Chatelain (6-5, 330), Sylvester Miller (6-5, 300) and Kip Sixbery (6-4, 320).

Kentucky's speedy defense is led by big-play outside linebackers Jeff Snedegar (6-2, 245, sr.) and Marlon McCree (6-1, 210, jr.), who last year made a combined 118 tackles, including 29 for minus yardage with 11 quarterback sacks. They're strongly supported by lettermen Lee Wesley (6-0, 220, sr.) and Ronnie Riley (6-2, 220, so.), while junior John Rader (6-5, 240) is back at his MLB post where he's backstopped by sophomore letterman Chris Demaree (6-4, 235).

The four-man front wall is anchored by ends Dennis Johnson (6-7, 265, so.) and Gordon Crowe (6-3, 285, sr.), and they'll again be supported by lettermen Matt Layow (6-3, 240, jr.), Grayson Smith (6-1, 245, jr.), Adrian Patton (6-4, 240, so.) and Anwar Stewart (6-3, 250, sr.). 1998 co-regular George Massey (6-3, 285, sr.) will man one tackle post, while the other tackle position is being fought for by impressive redshirt freshman John Robinson (6-4, 290) and senior Jimmy Haley (6-3,

## 1998 Kentucky Final Statistics

	Kentucky	Opp
Points per game	38	32
1st Downs	292	204
Rush Att	337	382
Rush Yards	1342	1641
Avg Rush	4.0	4.3
Pass Comp	414	157
Pass Att	574	322
Pass Yds	4534	2606
Had Int	16	6
Off Yds per game	534	386

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Louisville	(-10)	W	68-34
12	E Kentucky	(NL)		52-7
19	Indiana	(-21)	L	31-27
26	at Florida	(+21)	W	35-51
O. 3	at Arkansas	(+4)	L	20-27
10	S Carolina	(-14)	L	33-28
17	at Louisiana St	(+9 1/2)	W	39-36
24	Georgia	(+1 1/2)	L	26-28
N. 7	Mississippi St	(-7 1/2)	L	37-35
14	Vanderbilt	(-22)	W	55-17
21	at Tennessee	(+11)	L	21-59
J. 1	vs Penn St	(+7)	L	14-26

250), who started at tight end last season.

The secondary is experienced and deep and is headed by three returning starters -- strong safety David Johnson (6-0, 195, so.), free safety Willie Gary (5-10, 190, jr.) and cornerback Eric Kelly (5-11, 190, jr.). Junior lettermen Kenneth Grant (6-0, 200) and Jeremy Bowie (5-10, 185) are first in line to fill the vacant CB slot, while solid backup support in the deep zones will come from JUCO transfer Patrick Wiggins (6-0, 190, so.) and lettermen Anthony Wajda (6-4, 190, so.), Anthony Kelly (5-11, 190, so.) and Chris Gayton (6-2, 205, so.).

The return of junior placekicker Seth Hanson (6-2, 195, jr.) is a plus for this team. A year ago, he hit on 11 of 15 field goal tries and converted 48 of 51 PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Under Coach Mumme, Kentucky's "Air Raid" attack has done more damage than the Royal Air Force did during World War II. And it's gonna be the same old story this season, although the Wildcat offense may fall a bit short of its 1998 output. But only a bit! As for Kentucky's stop troops, they shouldn't be considered a team strength, but they will be less yielding than they were last season when they surrendered averages of 386 yards and 32 points per game. All told, the exciting Cats may not win as many games as they did a year ago, but only a fool would bet that they won't. And none of our readers are fools!

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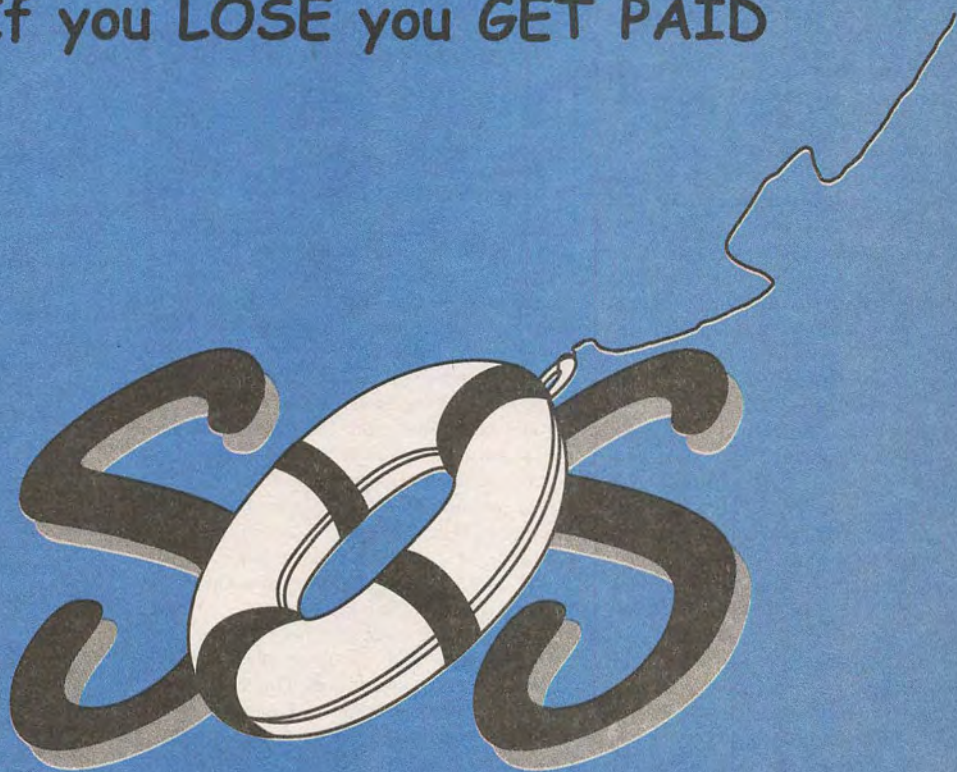
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# SO. CAROLINA

(1-10-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	48
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	8

He's back! Lou Holtz has taken over as head coach of the Gamecocks, and he's determined to get this program back on the winning track. And there's no question that he'll do just that -- but it's not gonna happen this year. What will happen is that South Carolina will be much more competitive on both sides of the ball during Holtz's maiden voyage in Columbia. And that's a good beginning!

Offensively, the man who'll try to get it going for the Gamecocks is sophomore quarterback Phil Petty (6-3, 195), who was very impressive as the number one backup at QB last season when he completed 55 of 112 passes for 642 yards and seven touchdowns. He'll be supported by talented sophomore Kyle Crabb (6-4, 220) and promising redshirt freshman Keith Matkins (6-3, 195).

The receiving corps is headed by junior wideout Jermale Kelly (6-2, 210), who caught 44 passes for 555 yards and four touchdowns last year. Seniors Ben Fleming (5-11, 200) and Kerry Hood (6-1, 195), who snared a combined 36 tosses for 448 yards and three scores in '98, are banging heads for starting rights at the other WR post, while seniors Trevon Matthews (6-2, 250), Trey Pennington (6-5, 260) and Jim Levandusky (6-4, 245) are back to share starting duties at tight end.

Carolina's running game should be improved with the top four leading ground gainers returning from last year's team. Seniors Troy Hambrick (6-0, 220) and Boo Williams (5-11, 210) will again run 1-2 at tailback after rushing for a combined 940 yards and five touchdowns last season, and they'll be joined once more by alternating fullbacks Antoine Nesmith (5-10, 210, so.) and Steve Mixon (5-11, 220), who ran for an aggregate 341 yards and two TDs in '98. Four blue-chip newcomers who'll help the RB cause are redshirt freshmen Nate Gary (6-0, 195) and Jonathan Martin (5-10, 205), and frosh recruits Derek Watson (6-1, 210) and Trevin Smith (6-0, 195).

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters in tackle Melvin Paige (6-4, 320, so.) and guards Kevin Rivers (6-3, 305, so.) and Philip Jones (6-2, 285, so.), all of whom started as redshirt freshmen last year. 1998 co-regular Scott Browne (6-2, 265, jr.) should take over at center, with senior letterman Kevin Johnson (6-3, 315) first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot. Also in the O-line rotation will be A-A JUCO transfer Tim Bell (6-2, 285, jr.), lettermen Jason Cox (6-5, 320, so.), Jim Pietrzak (6-4, 270, jr.), Michael Jones (6-6, 335, sr.) and Dennis Thomas (6-1, 270, jr.), as well as redshirt freshmen Jonathan Ragans (6-3, 275), Michael Blakely (6-4, 275), Chris Thigpen (6-4, 280) and Cedric Williams (6-3, 290).

Defensively, the Gamecocks will be led into battle by senior John Abraham (6-4, 250), who

## 1998 South Carolina Final Statistics

South Carolina	Opp
Points per game	19 30
1st Downs	233 223
Rush Att	413 436
Rush Yards	1364 1968
Avg Rush	3.3 4.5
Pass Comp	200 177
Pass Att	385 298
Pass Yds	2541 2397
Had Int	15 5
Off Yds per game	355 397

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Ball St.	(-19 1/2)	L	38-20
12	Georgia	(+5 1/2)	L	3-17
19	Marshall	(-5)	L	21-24
26	Mississippi St.	(-2 1/2)	L	0-38
O. 3	at Mississippi	(+9 1/2)	W	28-30
10	at Kentucky	(+14)	W	28-33
17	Arkansas	(+7 1/2)	L	28-41
24	at Vanderbilt	(-6 1/2)	L	14-17
31	Tennessee	(+17)	L	14-49
N. 14	at Florida	(+32)	W	14-33
21	at Clemson	(+5 1/2)	L	19-28

started at DE last year but will move to outside linebacker this season. He made 61 tackles and six QB sacks in '98. He'll be backstopped by junior letterman Marco Hutchinson (6-1, 235), while the two inside backer posts will again be shared by Andre Offing (6-1, 240, jr.), Kenneth Harney (6-2, 230, so.) and Corey Atkins (6-1, 235, sr.), and they'll be supported by sophomore lettermen Shannon Wadley (6-1, 235), Willie Offord (6-2, 220) and Darion Hutcherson (6-0, 235).

The four-man front wall will be anchored by incumbents Matt Marsters (6-4, 240, sr.) and Cecil Caldwell (6-1, 270, sr.) at end and tackle, respectively. All-American JUCO transfer Cleveland Pinkney (6-1, 275, jr.) has taken over at nose guard, while 1998 co-regular John Stamper (6-5, 260, so.) will man the flank post opposite Marsters. Backup support in the D-line will come from big-play redshirt freshman Dennis Quinn (6-4, 250) and lettermen Larrell Johnson (6-3, 280, so.), David Overstreet (6-2, 260, jr.), Errol Rocheter (6-1, 260, sr.), Kalimba Edwards (6-5, 250, so.) and Teddy Salters (6-2, 240, sr.).

The secondary will be headed by All-American free safety Arturo Freeman (6-2, 195, sr.), who missed the entire '98 season because of a knee injury. Senior Ray Green (6-3, 195) returns at strong safety, while the two cornerback positions are being fought for by sophomore lettermen Sheldon Brown (5-10, 175), Kevin House (5-11, 175) and Rondai Cox (6-0, 180). Also in the deep zone picture are redshirt freshman Rashad Faison (5-9, 185) and sophomores Andre Goodman (5-10, 180) and T.J. Hines (6-0, 205).

Senior punter Courtney Leavitt (5-11, 195) returns as a plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 42.9 yards per kick on 43 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Gamecocks won't win more games than they lose this season, but they will win more games than they did a year ago. This is an improved football team that'll equal or exceed its 1998 offensive output while also surrendering fewer yards and points than it did last season. We wouldn't be surprised if South Carolina chalked up at least three or four wins this fall. And neither should you!

# VANDERBILT

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	44
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	9

The Commodores experienced a sinking feeling last year as they were sent to the depths of the Southeastern Conference. Head Coach Woody Widenhofer thinks that his charges can rebound with a plus .500 finish this season. Sure, and Bill Clinton's gonna enter a monastery!

All kidding aside, Vanderbilt could be improved in '99, especially on defense where Coach Widenhofer is switching to a 3-4 alignment in order to better utilize the talent he has on hand.

The three-man D-line will be anchored by nose tackle Ryan Aulds (6-3, 260, jr.), who last year made 34 tackles with eight for minus yardage. He should be supported by sophomore lettermen Steve Trese (6-4, 275) and Tyler Unzicker (6-1, 275), while the two end positions will again be shared by sophomores Doyle Crosby (6-4, 280), Chuck Losey (6-4, 260), Wally Conyers (6-7, 260) and Russ Nicoll (6-5, 305), who made a combined 97 tackles last fall.

All-star candidate Jamie Winborn (6-0, 235, so.) spearheads the four-man linebacking corps. A year ago, Winborn made a team-leading 131 tackles, including 23 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks! Also returning to their starting posts here are Matt Stewart (6-4, 230, jr.) and Lamont Turner (6-1, 235, sr.), while sophomore letterman Nate Morrow (6-3, 240) and redshirt freshman Brandon Walthour (6-3, 225) are duking it out for the right to man the fourth backer berth.

The secondary welcomes back three starters -- strong safety Ainsley Battles (5-11, 195, sr.) and cornerbacks Jimmy Williams (5-10, 190, jr.) and Brian Taylor (5-11, 190, so.). Battles made 100 tackles and broke up nine passes last season, while Williams intercepted a team-leading four passes and deflected eight other spirals. The leading candidate to take over the free safety position is sophomore Harold Lericius (5-11, 190), who lettered as a redshirt freshman last year.

Offensively, the Commodores hope to benefit from improved play at quarterback, which should be forthcoming now that sophomores Greg Zolman (6-4, 200) and David Wallace (6-4, 215) have a lot of experience (albeit painful!) under their belts. Sharing starting duties as freshmen last season, Zolman and Wallace completed a combined 148 of 318 passes for a total of 1,647 yards and eight touchdowns with 18 interceptions. Also in the QB mix will be A-A frosh recruit Benji Walker (6-4, 210), who completed 65% of his passes for over 4,000 yards and 35 touchdowns as a prepster last season.

The four-man receiving corps returns intact and is headed by wideouts Adam Ditto (5-11, 180, so.) and Tavarus Hogans (5-10, 190, sr.), who caught an aggregate 39 passes for 529 yards and five touchdowns last year. They'll again be supported by sophomores Anthony Jones (6-2, 185) and Nezih Hasanoglu (6-3, 210), who snared a combined 31 passes for 505 yards in '98, while Todd Yoder (6-4, 240, sr.) and Elliott Carson (6-5, 260, jr.) are back at H-back and tight end, respectively, after catching a total of 38 passes last fall.

The lone running back position will again be shared by Rodney Williams (5-11, 215, so.), Jared McGrath (5-10, 205, jr.) and Lew Thomas (6-0,

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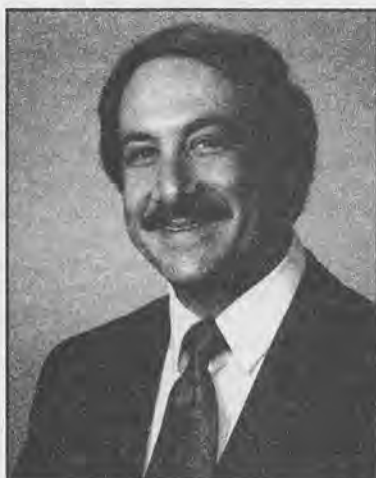
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## 1998 Vanderbilt Final Statistics

	Vanderbilt	Opp
Points per game	13	34
1st Downs	161	242
Rush Att	402	453
Rush Yards	1284	1928
Avg Rush	3.2	4.3
Pass Comp	151	214
Pass Att	326	348
Pass Yds	1660	2925
Had Int	20	13
Off Yds per game	268	441

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Mississippi St	(+12 1/2)	L	0-42
12	at Alabama	(+19 1/2)	L	7-32
19	Mississippi	(+7 1/2)	L	6-30
O. 3	at TCU	(+10 1/2)	W	16-19
10	W Michigan	(-5)	L	24-27
17	at Georgia	(+27)	W	6-31
24	S Carolina	(+6 1/2)	W	17-14
31	Duke	(+4)	W	36-33
N. 7	Florida	(+29 1/2)	L	13-45
14	at Kentucky	(+22)	L	17-55
28	Tennessee	(+28 1/2)	L	0-41

215, so.). A year ago, they ran for a combined 1,422 yards and five touchdowns on an aggregate 307 carries (a 4.6 avg.). They'll be joined in the fall by super frosh recruit Jonathan Shaub (6-1, 205), who averaged over 10 yards per carry while running for 4,900 yards during his prep career.

Up front, the blocking corps boasts three returning starters -- center Jeff Barnett (6-3, 270, sr.), guard Michael Saltzman (6-4, 290, jr.) and tackle Ramonte Byndom (6-4, 300, sr.). 1998 co-regular Brian Gruber (6-7, 310, jr.) will man the tackle post opposite Byndom, while junior lettermen Darren Rothenberg (6-3, 310) and Matt Hill (6-6, 320) are first in line to fill the vacant guard slot. Projected as top reserves in the O-line are junior letterman Pat Green (6-7, 350) and transfer Duncan Cave (6-1, 295, jr.), a starter at Navy in '97 who attended junior college in '98.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Commodores won't set any worlds on fire, but they could burn a few more people than they did a year ago. Their offense simply has to improve on its '98 performance when it averaged only 268 yards and 13 points per game, and their defense will definitely be saltier than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 441 yards and 34 points per outing. Overall, Vanderbilt will be an improved football team that's more competitive than it was in '98 -- but the Commodores will still finish on the down side of .500.

## SEC West Division

## ALABAMA

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	32
	Returning	37
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
	Defense	8

As we predicted, the Crimson Tide got back on the winning track last season. And now we're predicting that Head Coach Mike DuBose will lead his charges to an even better performance this year -- especially if Alabama's stop troops can stop a

few more people than they did a year ago. And we believe they will!

Offensively, the man of the hour for Alabama is sophomore quarterback Andrew Zow (6-2, 215), who didn't become the starting QB for this team until the fifth game of the '98 campaign. All he did was to lead the Tide to five wins in the seven games he started as he completed 143 of 256 passes (55.9%) for 1,969 yards and 11 touchdowns. Zow will be strongly supported by A-A redshirt freshman Tyler Watts (6-3, 215), who threw for 2,485 yards and 20 TDs as a prepster in '97.

An even bigger weapon for Bama on this side of the ball is All-SEC tailback Shaun Alexander (6-1, 205, sr.), a big-play performer who last year ran for a team-leading 1,178 yards and 13 touchdowns on 258 carries (a 4.6 avg.). He also caught 26 passes for 385 yards and four more scores. Alexander will be backstopped by junior letterman Arvin Richard (5-7, 175) and A-A frosh recruits Santonio Beard (6-1, 210) and Brandon Miree (6-2, 230), while strong-blocking junior Dustin McClintock (6-3, 250) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by sophomore letterman Marvin Brown (6-0, 245).

Four more A-A frosh recruits, Antonio Carter (5-9, 180), Leonard Fulgham (6-3, 190), Brandon Greer (6-2, 195) and Derrick Woods (5-9, 175), will be heard from at the wide receiver positions, where the new starters will be lettermen Shamari Buchanan (6-2, 200, jr.) and Freddie Milons (5-11, 175, so.) at split end and flanker, respectively. Sophomore Eric Locke (5-9, 180) and redshirt freshman Sam Collins (6-1, 180) are also in the WR picture, while junior Terry Jones (6-3, 260) returns at tight end where he'll be supported by redshirt freshman John Morgan (6-2, 275) and A-A frosh recruit Casey Gilbert (6-4, 275).

The offensive interior line returns intact and should stack up as a team strength. Paul Hogan (6-4, 285, so.) is over the ball at center, with Griff Redmill (6-6, 295, jr.) and Will Cuthbert (6-5, 320, jr.) hunkered down at the guard posts. Chris Samuels (6-6, 300, sr.) and Jason McDonald (6-6, 315, sr.) are the incumbents at tackle, but McDonald lost his starting job to redshirted JUCO transfer Kenric Lott (6-5, 320, jr.) during spring drills. Reserve support in the blocking corps will come from sophomore Sam Matthews (6-6, 295) and redshirt freshmen Marico Portis (6-3, 290), Bart Raulston (6-9, 340) and Lanis Baxley (6-6, 295), as well as A-A frosh recruits Matt Lomax (6-4, 305) and Dante Ellington (6-6, 310).

Like its offensive counterpart, the four-man defensive line returns intact and is anchored by All-SEC end Kenny Smith (6-5, 290, jr.) and tackle Cornelius Griffin (6-3, 295, sr.), who last year made a combined 96 tackles, including 18 for minus yardage. Also returning to their starting berths are end Kindal Moorehead (6-3, 290, so.) and nose guard Jamie Carter (6-4, 325, sr.), while strong backup support in the D-line will be provided by 1998 co-regular Reggie Grimes (6-5, 295, sr.), redshirted JUCO transfer Todd Whitmore (6-6, 295, jr.) and junior lettermen Kelvis White (6-4, 295), Shawn Draper (6-4, 290) and Carlos Stennis (6-3, 280), as well as super A-A frosh recruits David Paine (6-7, 280) and Kenny King (6-4, 285).

Junior Travis Carroll (6-4, 240) will spearhead the linebacking corps from his MLB position. A year ago, he made 76 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage. 1998 co-regular Canary Knight

## 1998 Alabama Final Statistics

	Alabama	Opp
Points per game	22	23
1st Downs	199	232
Rush Att	390	435
Rush Yards	1272	1625
Avg Rush	3.3	3.7
Pass Comp	190	183
Pass Att	341	336
Pass Yds	2435	2434
Had Int	9	12
Off Yds per game	337	369

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Brigham Young	(-4 1/2)	W	38-31
12	Vanderbilt	(-19 1/2)	W	32-7
26	at Arkansas	(-3)	L	6-42
O. 3	Florida	(+17)	W	10-16
10	Mississippi	(-6)	L	20-17
17	E Carolina	(-9 1/2)	L	23-22
24	at Tennessee	(+17 1/2)	W	18-35
31	S Mississippi	(+3)	W	30-20
N. 7	at Louisiana St	(+8)	W	22-16
14	at Mississippi St	(+3)	L	14-26
21	Auburn	(-4)	W	31-17
D. 29	vs Virginia Tech	(+5)	L	7-38

(6-2, 230, sr.) and sophomore letterman Darius Gilbert (6-2, 230) will share one outside backer post, while the other OLB position is being fought for by lettermen Victor Ellis (6-2, 235, so.), Miguel Merritt (6-0, 225, jr.) and Chris Horne (6-1, 220, jr.). Also in the LB mix will be A-A redshirt freshman Marvin Constant (6-1, 240) and A-A frosh recruit Saleem Rasheed (6-3, 230).

The secondary is headed by junior strong safety Marcus Spencer (6-2, 195), who had a team-leading four interceptions last fall. Sophomores Tony Dixon (6-2, 200) and Reggie Myles (5-11, 185) also return to their starting posts at free safety and cornerback, respectively, with the vacant CB slot expected to be filled by 1998 co-regular Kecal Bailey (5-10, 170, jr.). Depth in the deep zones will come from A-A JUCO transfer Milo Lewis (6-0, 190, jr.), redshirt freshman Phillip Weeks (6-1, 180) and lettermen Jason Jones (5-11, 190, jr.) and Chris Reier (5-9, 185, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Alabama will field a better football team than it did a year ago. Its offense will be much-improved at running the pig and will therefore be more productive than it was last season when it averaged 337 yards and 22 points per game. And its defense, which will again be very tough to run on, should be less yielding than it was in '98 when it surrendered averages of 369 yards and 23 points per outing. Alabama will equal or exceed its '98 win total in '99. And you can take that to the bank!

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# ARKANSAS

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	37
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	7

The Razorbacks made GAMEPLAN's Crystal Ball look real good last year when they had the big season we predicted they would as they chalked up nine wins and secured a berth in the Citrus Bowl. And they could give a repeat performance this year -- but only if Head Coach Houston Nutt is able to successfully rebuild an offensive line that lost four starters to graduation.

Hoping that Coach Nutt will be very successful in that regard is the man who would be the chief beneficiary of a strong blocking corps -- senior quarterback Clint Stoerner (6-2, 210), who last year completed 167 of 312 passes for 2,629 yards and 26 touchdowns with only eight interceptions. Supporting Stoerner will be lettermen Jared McBride (6-4, 195, so.) and Chadd Jones (6-0, 215, jr.), as well as redshirt freshman Robby Hampton (6-2, 220) and super A-A frosh recruit Gary Brashears (6-5, 215).

The receiving corps is outstanding and is headed by All-SEC split end Anthony Lucas (6-3, 200, sr.), who averaged 23.3 yards per catch while snaring 43 spirals for 1,004 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. He'll again be backstopped by seniors Hubert Loudermilk (5-11, 185) and Michael Snowden (6-3, 210), who caught a combined 17 passes for 370 yards and four scores in '98, while fellow seniors Michael Williams (5-10, 185) and Emanuel Smith (6-1, 210) are back to run 1-2 at flanker after catching an aggregate 69 passes for 932 yards and seven touchdowns last year. Senior Joe Dean Davenport (6-7, 270), who caught 18 passes for 240 yards and one TD in '98, returns at tight end where he figures to be supported by promising redshirt freshman Marcellus Poydras (6-4, 245).

Senior tailback Chrys Chukwuma (6-1, 225) will spearhead the running game. As a co-regular last fall, he ran for a team-leading 870 yards and eight touchdowns on 149 carries (a 5.9 avg.).

## 1998 Arkansas Final Statistics

	Arkansas	Opp
Points per game	33	17
1st Downs	223	191
Rush Att	431	390
Rush Yards	1665	1050
Avg Rush	3.9	2.7
Pass Comp	170	193
Pass Att	321	368
Pass Yds	2668	2320
Had Int	8	17
Off Yds per game	394	306

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	SW Louisiana	(-32)	L	38-17
19	SMU	(-9 1/2)	W	44-17
26	Alabama	(+3 1/2)	W	42-6
O. 3	Kentucky	(-4)	W	27-20
10	at Memphis	(-17 1/2)	L	23-9
17	at S Carolina	(-7 1/2)	W	41-28
31	at Auburn	(-4)	L	24-21
N. 7	Mississippi	(-9)	W	34-0
14	at Tennessee	(+9 1/2)	W	24-28
21	at Mississippi St	(-3)	L	21-22
27	Louisiana St	(-6 1/2)	W	41-14
J. 1	vs Michigan	(+3)	L	31-45

Joining him at TB will be sophomore letterman Alvin Ray (5-10, 200) and super A-A frosh recruit Cedric Cobbs (6-0, 215), while the strong-blocking threesome of Nathan Norman (6-0, 240, sr.), Eric Branch (6-0, 230, jr.) and Marvin Caston (6-0, 235, sr.) will again share starting duties at full-back.

Up front, the blocking corps will be reconstructed around incumbent tackle Bobby Williams (6-4, 330, sr.). Impressive sophomore letterman Gary Hobbs (6-6, 300) will get the starting call at the other tackle post, while fellow sophomore monogram winner Kenny Sandlin (6-3, 300) and redshirt freshman Josh Melton (6-4, 295) are expected to run 1-2 at center. Experienced lettermen Jeremiah Washburn (6-6, 310, sr.) and Shannon Money (6-4, 300) are first in line to fill the two guard slots, with backup support in the O-line coming from lettermen Curtis Sanders (6-5, 320, sr.) and Brett Shockey (6-8, 330, jr.), as well as A-A JUCO transfer John Geitner (6-5, 310, jr.) and A-A frosh recruits Mark Bokermann (6-6, 320), Scott Davenport (6-1, 295) and Bo Lacy (6-5, 290).

Defensively, the Razorbacks are very strong at the two linebacking positions where alternating starters J.J. Jones (6-1, 235, sr.), Jamel Harris (5-11, 230, sr.) and Quenton Caver (6-5, 230, jr.) are back in the fold. A year ago, they made a combined 140 tackles, including 19 for minus yardage. Also in the LB mix are lettermen Delancey Kent (6-1, 215, sr.) and Derrick Johnson (6-1, 210, so.), as well as redshirt freshman Elliott Barnes (6-2, 230).

The four-man trench is anchored by ends Randy Garner (6-4, 260, jr.) and Carlos Hall (6-4, 260, so.), who last year recorded an aggregate 97 tackles, including 21 for minus yardage with 10 quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular D.J. Cooper (6-3, 280, sr.) will man the tackle post, while sophomores Chris Brooks (6-3, 285) and Curt Davis (6-3, 280) are ticketed to run 1-2 at nose guard. Toiling as top reserves in the D-line will be sophomore letterman Sacha Lancaster (6-2, 270) and talented redshirt freshman Jermaine Brooks (6-3, 280).

The five-man secondary is headed by seniors Kenoy Kennedy (6-1, 195), Jeremy Flowers (6-0, 190) and David Barrett (5-10, 190), who last year intercepted a total of eight passes. The two vacancies in this area will be filled by lettermen Ontraia Moss (5-9, 180, sr.) and Harold Harris (6-0, 185, so.). Also expected to figure prominently in the deep zone mix are A-A JUCO transfer Corey Harris (5-11, 200, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Ken Hamlin (6-3, 195), as well as lettermen Jeremiah Harper (5-10, 180, jr.), Chris Chalmers (5-10, 185, sr.), Andre Berry (5-9, 180, so.) and Tony Lockhart (6-1, 195, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a good football team that is very solid on both sides of the ball. Offensively, the Hogs are extremely talented at all of the skill positions, so if the rebuilt blocking corps comes through as expected, this unit will equal or exceed its 1998 output of 394 yards and 33 points per game. As for the Razorback stop troops, they'll again be tough to run on and a little less yielding to enemy passers; in other words, they could be stingier than they were a year ago when they allowed respectable averages of 306 yards and 17 points per game. All told, the Hogs could (if not should!) win as many games as they did last season. And they could also be one of the teams to beat in the SEC title chase!

# LSU

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	34
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	8

The Tigers crashed big-time last year because of several defensive shortcomings, especially in a secondary that was more generous than Santa Claus! This time around, Head Coach Gerry DiNardo is convinced that LSU will rebound in a big way while challenging for SEC supremacy. And we agree with him!

Offensively, it all begins at quarterback, and Coach DiNardo will probably go with newcomer Josh Booty (6-3, 235, so.) as his starting signal caller. For the last five years, Booty has played baseball with the Florida Marlins, but when he was playing high school football, he set a national record by throwing for 11,700 yards and 126 touchdowns during his prep career! Competing with Booty for the starting job are Craig Nall (6-3, 230, so.), who threw for 340 yards as LSU's top backup QB last fall, and promising sophomore Rohan Davey (6-3, 230).

Josh Booty's baby brother, Abram Booty (6-2, 190, jr.), and Larry Foster (5-10, 190, sr.) are LSU's top returning receivers at split end and flanker, respectively. A year ago, Abram Booty caught 54 passes for 779 yards and five touchdowns, while Foster snared 56 spirals for 772 yards and four scores. The top reserve at the wideouts is sophomore Reggie Robinson (6-1, 200), who caught 21 passes for 308 yards and one TD in '98. Sophomore Kyle Kipps (6-5, 270),

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## 1998 LSU Final Statistics

	LSU	Opp
Points per game	31	25
1st Downs	229	228
Rush Att	432	421
Rush Yards	1853	1462
Avg Rush	4.3	3.5
Pass Comp	182	213
Pass Att	308	339
Pass Yds	2378	3034
Had Int	9	9
Off Yds per game	385	409

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	Arkansas St	(-43)	L	42-6
19	at Auburn	(-5)	W	31-19
26	Idaho	(-34 1/2)	L	53-20
O. 3	Georgia	(-8 1/2)	L	27-28
10	at Florida	(+12 1/2)	W	10-22
17	Kentucky	(-9 1/2)	L	36-39
24	Mississippi St	(-7 1/2)	W	41-6
31	at Mississippi	(-10)	L	31-37
N. 7	Alabama	(-8)	L	16-22
21	at Notre Dame	(+3)	P	36-39
27	at Arkansas	(+6 1/2)	L	14-41

who had three TD receptions last fall, returns at tight end where he'll be strongly supported by fellow sophomore Joe Domingaux (6-6, 265), the starter at TE in '97 who missed '98 because of injuries.

The Bayou Bengals will really miss the services of graduated tailback Kevin Faulk, who ran for 1,279 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, but senior Rondell Mealey (6-0, 205) thinks he can fill Faulk's very big shoes. And so do we! Thus far in his LSU career as a co-regular at tailback, Mealey has scampered for 1,601 yards and 21 touchdowns on 283 carries (a 5.7 avg.). Also in the TB mix are sophomore letterman LaVar Johnson (6-1, 190) and heralded redshirt freshman Josh Reed (5-11, 210), while hard-nosed junior Tommy Banks (6-0, 255) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by strong-blocking junior Robert Tyler (6-0, 255), the starter at FB in '97 who missed '98 because of injuries.

The offensive interior line will be a team strength with the return of four starters -- guards Al Jackson (6-3, 315, sr.) and Trey Langley (6-5, 310, jr.), and tackles Louis Williams (6-6, 310, jr.) and Brandon Winey (6-7, 305, jr.). Junior John Compton (6-3, 295) and redshirt freshman John Young (6-3, 300) are having at it for starting rights at center, while others pushing for playing time in the blocking corps are redshirted JUCO transfer Jesse Harmon (6-5, 315, jr.), sophomore Jason Underwood (6-4, 285) and three highly-regarded redshirt freshmen -- Rob Sale (6-2, 300), Brad Smalling (6-7, 330) and Sam Forchard (6-6, 335).

Defensively, the Tigers are tough against the run primarily because of end Jarvis Green (6-3, 270, so.) and tackle Johnny Mitchell (6-5, 320, sr.), who last year made a combined 77 tackles, including 26 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks! They'll be strongly supported by sophomore letterman Kenderick Allen (6-6, 305) and powerful redshirt freshman Jason Baggett (6-5, 290), while lettermen Kareem Mitchell (6-4, 280, jr.) and Muskingum Barnes (6-2, 275, so.) are ticketed to run 1-2 at nose guard.

The four-man linebacking corps features returning regulars Thomas Dunson (6-3, 235, so.) and Jamal Hill (6-2, 225, jr.), and they'll be joined

in the starting rotation by 1998 co-regular Charles Smith (6-2, 240, sr.) and senior letterman Theo Williams (6-3, 250). Also in the LB picture are promising redshirt freshman Jeremy Lawrence (6-3, 235) and lettermen Bubba Alexander (6-2, 230, jr.), Jason Green (6-1, 240, so.) and Wardell Sykes (6-1, 230, jr.).

The secondary, which has starters returning at all four positions, will be headed by All-SEC cornerback Mark Roman (6-0, 190, sr.) and strong safety Clarence LeBlanc (6-3, 205, sr.), who last year made a combined 161 tackles and picked off a total of five passes. Roman started at free safety last year, so the new FS this year will be sophomore letterman Ryan Clark (6-0, 185). After starting at both cornerback spots last season, Damien Woods (5-10, 185, sr.) and Fred Booker (5-9, 185, jr.) will now share the CB post opposite Roman. The top reserves in this area figure to be 1998 co-regular Robert Davis (5-9, 175, so.), JUCO transfer Prentis Jenkins (6-0, 185, jr.) and redshirt freshman Damien James (5-11, 190).

Senior punter Corey Gibbs (6-0, 190) is a big plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 43.7 yards per kick on 28 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Tigers are primed to make amends for their poor showing last season. Their offense will again be very well-balanced and should exceed its 1998 output of 385 yards and 31 points per game, while their defense will still be very tough to run on and definitely more difficult to pass against. If Coach DiNardo's charges can get off to a fast start this fall, they could have a very big season. **GAMEPLAN is willing to bet that they can -- and they will!**

## MISSISSIPPI

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost 11
	Returning 51
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
	Defense 10

We have a few words of advice for anyone gracing the Ole Miss schedule this season: You'd better get ready to rumble big-time! This team is loaded for bear and has very few weaknesses. And it's gonna be one of the top contenders for the SEC Championship!

New head coach David Cutcliffe has the luxury of having one of the top quarterbacks in the land to pilot his attack corps. We're talking about junior Romaro Miller (6-2, 195), who had a solid season last year when he completed 184 of 326 passes (56.4%) for 2,273 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also hit on 14 of 23 passes for 216 yards and three TDs while leading the Rebs to a 35-18 victory over Texas Tech in the Independence Bowl. Miller will be backstopped by sophomore letterman David Morris (6-1, 185) and A-A frosh recruit Eli Manning (6-4, 210), Peyton's baby brother!

The receiving corps is top shelf and is headed by returning starters Cory Peterson (6-3, 195, sr.) and Grant Heard (6-3, 190, sr.) at flanker and split end, respectively. A year ago, they caught a combined 81 passes for 1,160 yards and eight touchdowns. They'll again be supported by lettermen Sheldon Morris (5-10, 170, sr.), Jamie Armstrong (6-0, 180, so.) and L.J. Taylor (5-7, 170, jr.), who caught an aggregate 35 passes last fall, while senior letterman Adam Bettis (6-2, 235) and redshirt freshman Doug Zeigler (6-3, 240) are first in line to fill the vacant tight end slot.

## 1998 Mississippi Final Statistics

	Mississippi	Opp
Points per game	22	23
1st Downs	229	187
Rush Att	466	384
Rush Yards	1938	1430
Avg Rush	4.2	3.7
Pass Comp	196	173
Pass Att	355	324
Pass Yds	2382	2215
Had Int	14	10
Off Yds per game	393	331

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Memphis	(-10)	W	30-10
12	Auburn	(-2 1/2)	L	0-17
19	at Vanderbilt	(-7 1/2)	W	30-6
26	at SMU	(-5 1/2)	W	48-41
O. 3	S Carolina	(-9 1/2)	L	30-28
10	at Alabama	(+6)	W	17-20
24	Arkansas St	(-25 1/2)	L	30-17
31	Louisiana St	(+10)	W	37-31
N. 7	at Arkansas	(+9)	L	0-34
21	at Georgia	(+12)	W	17-24
26	Mississippi St	(+6)	L	6-28
D. 31	vs Texas Tech	(+9 1/2)	W	35-18

The Rebels are very strong at the running back positions where Deuce McAllister (6-2, 215, jr.) and Joe Gunn (5-10, 200, so.) are back on the job. Last season, McAllister ran for a team-leading 1,082 yards and seven touchdowns on 212 carries (a 5.1 avg.), while Gunn scampered for 546 yards and six TDs on 123 totes (a 4.4 avg.). Also contributing to the RB cause will be sophomore letterman Charles Stackhouse (6-2, 215) and A-A redshirt freshman Toward Sanford (5-10, 215).

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back four starters -- guards Terrence Metcalf (6-3, 295, so.) and Keydrick Vincent (6-5, 350, jr.), and tackles Todd Wade (6-7, 330, sr.) and Tutan Reyes (6-4, 295, sr.). Junior letterman Charlie Perkins (6-2, 295) and super A-A redshirt freshman Ben Claxton (6-4, 290) are having at it for starting rights at center, while the top reserves in the O-line will be lettermen Shane Grice (6-1, 305, jr.), John Keith (6-3, 290, so.) and John McGarvey (6-4, 310, so.).

Defensively, Ole Miss boasts an outstanding linebacking corps that returns all three starters and their number one backups. Leading the charge here are MLB Armegis Spearman (6-1, 250, sr.) and OLBs Eddie Strong (6-3, 235, so.) and Ronnie Heard (6-3, 220, sr.), who last year made a combined 190 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. Toiling as top reserves once more will be co-regulars Chad Cook (6-0, 230, jr.), Al Rice (6-1, 200, sr.) and Amzie Williams (6-1, 225, jr.), who recorded an aggregate 102 hits last fall.

The four-man trench is anchored by senior tackle Kendrick Clancy (6-2, 275), who made 55 tackles with 17 for minus yardage last season. Also returning to their starting posts here are tackle Comone Fisher (6-2, 285, sr.) and ends Tyler Williams (6-2, 280, sr.) and Derrick Burgess (6-2, 270, jr.), while strong backup support in the D-line will come from 1998 co-regulars Shane Elam (6-1, 240, jr.) and Michael Boone (6-3, 290, sr.), as well as junior letterman Antionne Scott (6-3, 270) and big-play JUCO transfer Kevin McKenzie (6-5, 290, jr.).

The secondary features three returning starters -- free safety Anthony Magee (6-0, 180, jr.), strong



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safety Kenny Woods (6-2, 205, sr.) and cornerback Timothy Strickland (5-10, 185, sr.). Sophomore letterman Justin Coleman (5-10, 175) will take over at the CB spot opposite Strickland, with reserve support in the deep zones coming from 1998 co-regular Syniker Taylor (6-0, 195, so.) and lettermen Ken Lucas (6-1, 195, jr.) and Kevin Thomas (5-10, 185, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Rebels will attack their foes with a well-balanced offense that will equal or surpass its 1998 output of 393 yards and 22 points per game. And their defense, which will be very tough on enemy running backs, should be less yielding than it was a year ago in surrendering averages of 331 yards and 23 points per outing. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that Ole Miss will take very few prisoners this year. Which means that we had no trouble in concluding that the Rebels will win at least as many games as they did last season!

## MISSISSIPPI ST.

(8-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	23
	Returning	46
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 2
		Defense 8

It's rebuilding time in Starkville! Especially on offense where Head Coach Jackie Sherrill has to find capable replacements for nine graduated starters if he hopes to lead the Bulldogs to another winning record and subsequent bowl berth. But if anyone can overcome such a huge obstacle, it's Jackie Sherrill, who, in our humble opinion, is one of the best coaches in the land!

Making Coach Sherrill's job a little easier is the return of sophomore quarterback Wayne Madkin (6-4, 215), who was very impressive as a redshirt freshman last fall when he threw for 1,532 yards and 11 touchdowns while leading MSU to six wins in the nine games he started. Madkin will again be supported by former starters Matt Wyatt (6-5, 230) and Rob Morgan (6-1, 190), who have thrown for an aggregate 2,785 yards thus far in their MSU careers.

The receiving corps will be headed by big-play

split end Kelvin Love (6-3, 195, sr.), who last year caught nine passes for 266 yards (a 29.6 avg.!) and two TDs a co-regular. Senior lettermen Matt Butler (6-2, 200) and Lorenzo Armstead (5-8, 170) are expected to run 1-2 at flanker, while fellow senior letterman Terrence McCaskey (6-6, 265) will take over at tight end where he'll be backstopped by strong-blocking JUCO transfer Adam Joiner (6-3, 275, jr.).

With James Johnson having picked up his sheepskin, the new leaders of MSU's running game will be alternating tailbacks Chris Rainey (5-8, 195, sr.) and Dencenzo Miller (5-10, 205, so.), who ran for a combined 457 yards and two scores last fall. Also in the TB picture are A-A redshirt freshman Justin Griffith (5-11, 220) and super A-A frosh recruit Dontae Walker (5-10, 210), while powerful blocker Kenny Williamson (6-2, 250, jr.) will be the new starter at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Rod Gibson (5-10, 225).

Up front, junior tackle Floyd Womack (6-3, 335) is the lone returning starter in the blocking corps. 1998 co-regular Wes Shivers (6-7, 335, sr.) will man the other tackle post, while senior letterman Paul Mooney (6-8, 330) and sophomore Kevin Sijansky (6-2, 275) are expected to run 1-2 at center. The two guard positions are being fought for by 1998 three-game starter Michael Fair (6-3, 300, jr.), sophomore Kenric Fairchild (6-4, 320) and juniors Matt McRae (6-3, 330) and Tron Thomas (6-3, 290). Projected as top reserves at the tackles are A-A JUCO transfer Tommy Watson (6-5, 310, so.) and heralded redshirt freshmen Kyle Wallace (6-5, 315) and Carl Hutchins (6-5, 310).

Defensively, the Bulldogs were very tough last year and they'll be even tougher this time around as they operate out of their very effective 5-1-5 alignment.

The five-man front wall is anchored by end Cornell Menafee (6-2, 250, sr.) and tackles Kevin Sluder (6-4, 280, sr.) and John Hilliard (6-3, 285, sr.), who last year made a combined 105 solo tackles, including 20 for minus yardage with eight QB sacks. 1998 two-game starter Conner Stephens (6-4, 250, so.) will fill the vacant end slot, while redshirted JUCO A-A Darius Brown (6-0, 270, jr.) and A-A redshirt freshman Mario Haggan (6-3, 285) are ticketed to run 1-2 at nose guard. Providing strong backup support in the D-line will be 1998 co-regulars Alvin McKinley (6-4, 295, sr.) and Ellis Wymys (6-3, 280, jr.), as well as A-A JUCO transfers Dorsett Davis (6-6, 315, so.), Willie Blade (6-2, 310, jr.) and Toby Golliday (6-2, 300, jr.).

Senior Barrin Simpson (5-11, 230), who made 82 tackles last year, mans the lone LB post. When the Dogs go with a two-linebacker setup, the other starter figures to be junior letterman Edward Yeates (6-0, 245), while others in the LB picture are lettermen Jamaal Dinkins (6-0, 230, jr.) and Paul Hunter (6-2, 235, sr.), along with A-A JUCO transfers Barris Grant (6-1, 245, jr.) and Dwayne Robertson (6-0, 230, jr.).

The five-man secondary is outstanding and welcomes back four starters -- cornerbacks Robert Bean (6-0, 180, sr.) and Kendall Roberson (6-0, 205, sr.), and strong safeties Tim Nelson (5-9, 175, sr.) and Ashley Cooper (6-0, 205, sr.). Senior letterman Kensaki Jones (6-1, 205) will take over at free safety, and solid backup support in the deep zones will come from 1998 three-game starter Eugene Clinton (6-0, 195, jr.) and A-A JUCO transfers Fred Smoot (6-1, 185, jr.), Gene Liger (6-0,

205, jr.) and Larry Huntington (5-10, 185, jr.).

Senior punter Jeff Walker (5-11, 215) is a big weapon for State. Over the last two seasons, he has averaged nearly 44 yards per kick on 89 career punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** When they're on the attack, the Bulldogs won't tree everyone they're after, but they will boast a well-balanced offense that could easily equal its '98 output of 323 yards and 28 points per game. On the stop side, the Dogs should stop a lot more people than they did last season when they surrendered very respectable averages of 313 yards and 18 points per game. All told, don't be surprised if the Bulldogs win as many games as they did a year ago; in fact, you should be surprised if they don't!

## AUBURN

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	50
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
		Defense 9

A weak running game and an inept passing attack doomed the Tigers to failure and frustration last season as they recorded their worst record in 46 years! But hope springs eternal, and new head coach Tommy Tuberville, who did a great job as head honcho at Ole Miss over the last three years, hopes that the return of 18 starters plus the arrival of several blue-chip newcomers will add up to a winning record for Auburn this season. From our vantage point, it appears that Coach Tuberville's hopes will not be dashed!

Sophomore quarterback Gabe Gross (6-3, 210) returns to pilot Auburn's attack force. He will definitely improve on his 1998 performance when, as a true freshman last year, he completed only 88 of his 197 passes (44.7%) for 1,222 yards and seven touchdowns with 12 interceptions. Also in the QB picture is former starter Ben Leard (6-4, 225, jr.), who threw for 703 yards and four TDs with seven "picks" last fall.

The receiving corps welcomes back two starters, but this unit didn't exactly distinguish itself last season, which is why the Tigers will look to

### 1998 Auburn Final Statistics

	Auburn	Opp
Points per game	15	21
1st Downs	161	170
Rush Att	404	403
Rush Yards	1032	1311
Avg Rush	2.6	3.3
Pass Comp	143	177
Pass Att	312	312
Pass Yds	1940	2063
Had Int	19	19
Off Yds per game	270	307

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	Virginia	(+1)	L	0-19
12 at	Mississippi	(+2 1/2)	W	17-0
19	Louisiana St	(+5)	L	19-31
O. 3	Tennessee	(+6 1/2)	L	9-17
10 at	Mississippi St	(+1)	L	21-38
17 at	Florida	(+19 1/2)	L	3-24
24	Louisiana Tech	(-7 1/2)	W	32-17
31	Arkansas	(+4)	W	21-24
N. 7	C Florida	(-5 1/2)	L	10-6
14	Georgia	(+6)	L	17-28
21 at	Alabama	(+4)	L	17-31

### 1998 Miss. State Final Statistics

	Miss. State	Opp
Points per game	28	18
1st Downs	190	225
Rush Att	476	526
Rush Yards	2063	1769
Avg Rush	4.3	3.4
Pass Comp	118	157
Pass Att	251	309
Pass Yds	1807	1986
Had Int	14	16
Off Yds per game	323	313

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Vanderbilt	(-12 1/2)	W	42-0
12 at	Memphis	(-10 1/2)	L	14-6
19 at	Oklahoma St	(+1)	L	23-42
26	S Carolina	(+2 1/2)	W	38-0
O. 10	Auburn	(-1)	W	38-21
17	E Tennessee St	(NL)		53-6
24 at	Louisiana St	(+7 1/2)	L	6-41
N. 7 at	Kentucky	(+7 1/2)	W	35-37
14	Alabama	(-3)	W	26-14
21	Arkansas	(+3)	W	22-21
26 at	Mississippi	(-6)	W	28-6
D. 4 vs	Tennessee	(+14 1/2)	W	14-24
J. 1 vs	Texas	(+6 1/2)	L	11-38



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four all-star newcomers for immediate contributions. The incumbents are WR Clifton Robinson (5-8, 180, jr.), who caught 42 passes in '98, and TE Jack Schwieger (6-5, 255, sr.), who snared only six tosses. Redshirt sophomore Brandon White (6-0, 190, so.) hopes to man the wideout post opposite Robinson, but both White and Robinson could find themselves playing second fiddle to big-play A-A frosh recruits Ronney Daniels (6-3, 215), Deandre Green (6-2, 210) and Jeris McIntyre (6-1, 200). Also in the WR mix are lettermen Ryan Hooker (6-0, 195, jr.) and Joe Whitt (5-10, 170, so.), while A-A frosh recruit Robert Johnson (6-6, 260) and sophomore letterman Reid Tankersley (6-3, 255) will challenge Schwieger for starting status at tight end.

Yet another A-A frosh recruit, Michael Owens (6-0, 215), will toss his hat into the tailback ring when fall drills open. Owens ran for 4,100 yards and 62 touchdowns during his junior and senior campaigns as a prepster. Returning at TB are Demontray Carter (5-10, 190, jr.) and Michael Burks (5-11, 220, so.), who ran for a total of 889 yards last fall, while Heath Evans (6-1, 230, so.), Tellie Embery (6-0, 225, jr.) and Roman Nelsen (5-11, 220, jr.) will again share starting duties at fullback.

Up front, the offensive interior line has the potential to be a lot better than it was a year ago. Junior center Cole Cubelic (6-3, 300) is a returning starter, as are guard Mike Pucillo (6-4, 320, so.) and tackles Colin Sears (6-3, 290, jr.) and Jeno James (6-4, 305, sr.). Expected to duke it out

for starting rights at the guard spot opposite Pucillo are 1998 part-time starter Kendall Simmons (6-3, 320, jr.) and former starter T.J. Meers (6-6, 330, jr.), who was shelved by knee surgery last season. Returning as key reserves in the blocking corps are lettermen Tim Castro (6-4, 315, jr.), Hart McGarry (6-5, 290, so.) and Jeremy Toungett (6-6, 310, so.).

Defensively, the Tigers surrender yardage very grudgingly. They're especially tough to run on because of a four-man front wall anchored by big-play end Leonardo Carson (6-3, 285, sr.), who last year made a team-leading 85 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. Senior Marcus Washington (6-4, 250) is a force at the other flank post, as are Jimmy Brumbaugh (6-1, 295, sr.) and Jeff Dunlap (6-5, 285, jr.) at the two tackle positions. Strong reserve support in the D-line will be provided by 1998 co-regular Quinton Reese (6-5, 270, sr.); lettermen Josh Weldon (6-4, 290, so.) and Jeremy Banks (6-3, 280, jr.); blue-chip redshirt freshman Davern Williams (6-4, 290); and super frosh recruit DeMarco McNeil (6-1, 305).

The linebacking corps welcomes back two starters -- MLB Tavarreus Pounds (6-0, 240, so.) and strongside backer James Callier (6-0, 225, so.). Lettermen Dave Beasley (6-2, 230, sr.) and Manning Sumner (6-0, 225, jr.) are first in line to man the weakside backer post, while the top reserves in this area will be 1998 co-regular Haven Fields (6-0, 225, sr.) and lettermen Whit Smith (6-3, 235, so.) and Kenny Kelly (6-0, 220,

sr.).

Auburn's ball-hawking secondary is headed by junior cornerback Larry Casher (5-11, 170), who last year intercepted three passes and broke up eight other spirals. Senior cornerback Antwoine Nolan (5-9, 190) and junior strong safety Rob Pate (6-3, 205) are also back at their starting posts, while the free safety position is being fought for by senior letterman Adlai Trone (5-9, 175) and big-play A-A frosh recruit Stanford Simmons (6-2, 200). Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones will be junior lettermen Rodney Crayton (5-8, 175) and Courtney Rose (5-8, 195).

Junior placekicker Rob Bironas (6-0, 195) is a plus for this team. A year ago, he hit on 12 of 16 field goal tries and converted all of his 18 PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Tigers are hopeful their improved blocking corps will pave the way for a more productive running game and a more proficient passing attack. We believe it will, which is why we also believe that this unit will easily surpass its 1998 output of 270 yards and 15 points per game. As for Auburn's stingy stop troops, they'll be even tougher to dent than they were last season when they surrendered averages of 307 yards and 21 points per outing. We don't know how many of their foes the Tigers will tree this year, but we do know this -- they could (if not should!) win more games than they lose!

# SOUTH INDEPENDENTS

## LOUISIANA TECH

(6-6-0) \* **LETTERMEN** Lost 17  
Returning 52  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 9  
Defense 9

Tech will be operating with a new head coach and without the most prolific pass catcher in school history, but a fourth straight winning season seems well within the Bulldogs' reach. That's because new mentor Jack Bicknell III has 18 returning regulars, including a record-setting quarterback, ready to tee off on '99 foes.

Senior quarterback Tim Rattay (6-1, 200) is worth the price of admission -- and then some! Rattay used his strong right arm to lead the 'dogs to 542 yards and 41 points per game a year ago. Rattay threw for 4,943 yards and 46 touchdowns, completing 68 percent of his passes, all school records, and he's a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate this time around. Rattay is strongly supported by sophs Brian Stallworth (6-2, 205) and North Carolina transfer Phillip Deas (5-11, 205).

Rattay will be without his favorite target from a year ago, wide receiver Troy Edwards, who snagged an incredible 140 passes for 1,996 yards and 27 touchdowns and ended his career as the school's most prolific pass catcher. The Bulldogs will likely go with a three receiver set this year, with sophomores James Jordan (6-3, 210) and Delwyn Daigre (6-1, 200) plus junior Sean Cangelosi (6-4, 200) occupying starting positions. Jordan earned Freshman All-America honors last fall as he caught 56 passes for 662 yards and four scores, Daigre pulled down 40 aerials for 540

yards and two scores, with Cangelosi contributing 33 catches for 439 yards and five touchdowns. The incumbent at tight end is junior David Newman (6-7, 255), who grabbed 20 aerials for 245 yards and four six-pointers.

Last year's top three ball carriers return for '99 action, led by senior Bobby Ray Tell (5-6, 200), who rushed for 549 yards and six touchdowns a year ago. Soph John Simon (5-10, 190) ran for 288 yards and one TD and also had 40 receptions good for 385 yards, with senior fullback Terry Pratt (6-0, 225) back at his post where he had two TDs last fall.

A talented and seasoned offensive interior line returns four senior starters from a year ago -- center David St. Marie (6-3, 295), guard Rob Koontz (6-4, 295) and tackles Robert Skapura (6-6, 305) and Joey Chustz (6-7, 310). Soph Randy Richard (6-5, 300) and redshirt freshman Shawn Murff (6-4, 285) are the top candidates to fill the vacancy at the guard spot opposite Koontz.

New defensive coordinator Tom Masella will work with nine holdover starters on the D-side, including three incumbents back in the trench. Seniors Otis Pitts (6-1, 285), Jarrett Procell (6-3, 275) and Jerome King (6-4, 270) hold over at nose guard, tackle and DE, respectively, where they combined for 11 stops for minus yardage and six sacks last fall. Others expected to contribute up front include Desmond Nunnery (6-3, 255, sr.), Chris Willis (6-3, 265, sr.), Michael Boone (6-2, 235, jr.) and Steve Walker (6-4, 260, sr.).

Senior Damon Harrington (6-1, 225) and junior Quincy Stewart (6-1, 215) are back at their regular jobs at linebacker, as is Nathan Darby (6-1, 210, sr.), who took over a starting role late last season.

## 1998 Louisiana Tech Final Statistics

	Louisiana Tech	Opp
Points per game	41	33
1st Downs	315	280
Rush Att	294	498
Rush Yards	1319	2070
Avg Rush	4.5	4.2
Pass Comp	402	212
Pass Att	601	375
Pass Yds	5185	2784
Had Int	14	14
Off Yds per game	542	504

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 29	at Nebraska	(+35 1/2)	W	27-56
S. 5	C Florida	(NL)		30-64
12	at Texas A&M	(+22 1/2)	W	7-28
19	SW Louisiana	(NL)		77-14
26	at Wyoming	(+7 1/2)	L	19-31
O. 3	Boise St	(NL)		63-28
10	at NE Louisiana	(-13 1/2)	W	44-14
17	Alabama-Birm	(NL)		54-23
24	at Auburn	(+7 1/2)	L	17-32
31	Nicholls St	(NL)		56-28
N. 7	at Arkansas St	(NL)		69-21
26	at Tulane	(+12 1/2)	L	30-63

Harrington led the Bulldogs in tackles last fall with 119, Stewart had 111 and Darby contributed 45 hits. Senior Brian Bradford (6-0, 210) has an excellent shot at winning a starting role, while soph Blake Smith (5-11, 220) will be a valuable reserve in this area.

A trio of regulars from a year ago populate the Bulldog secondary -- strong safety Bobby Gray (6-1, 205, so.) and cornerbacks Fred Lewis (5-10,



175, sr.) and Roderick Pernetter (5-11, 180, jr.). Gray had 83 tackles, one INT and recovered three fumbles a year ago, while Lewis led the 'Dogs with five pass thefts, one of which he returned 70 yards for a TD. Battling to fill the vacancy at free safety are senior Clint Davis (6-0, 180) and red-shirt freshman Michael John Lenard (6-1, 190), while ex-running back Jason Owens (6-1, 215, so.) brings excellent speed to the safety positions as a backup.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** No one -- repeat, no one! -- is gonna stop the Tech attack this fall as quarterback Tim Rattay makes another bid for Heisman recognition. Anyone expecting to beat the Bulldogs will have to outscore this bunch, which means the Tech defense holds the key to this team's success. And the "D" looks very capable, which should allow this exciting band of Bulldogs to surpass last year's six-win finish!

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

(9-2-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	38
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 3
		Defense 7

The calendar says "1999," but for the Golden Knights, it's really Year One AD -- as in "After Daunte." Ex-Steelers QB Mike Kruczek guided UCF to its most successful season ever in Kruczek's first year as a college head coach, but graduation claimed 12 starters, including All-America quarterback Daunte Culpepper, and that's tarnished the Golden Knights' outlook for '99!

Culpepper, off to what should be a brilliant NFL career, compiled an efficiency rating of 170.2 as he completed 296 of 402 passing tries (73.6%) for 3,690 yards and 28 TDs versus just seven interceptions. He also ran for 463 yards and a dozen scores, leaving a huge hole in the UCF lineup. Junior Kelvin Robinson (6-1, 200) emerged from spring drills looking like Culpepper's successor, but we're betting that junior college transfer Victor Penn (6-1, 175, jr.) will ultimately wind up under center when the '99 campaign tips off. Penn earned Frosh All-SEC honors at South

1998 Central Florida Final Statistics		
	Central Florida	Opp
Points per game	36	19
1st Downs	278	213
Rush Att	379	402
Rush Yards	1594	1567
Avg Rush	4.2	3.9
Pass Comp	302	176
Pass Att	411	322
Pass Yds	3771	1977
Had Int	7	7
Off Yds per game	488	322

1998 RESULTS		
S. 5 at Louisiana Tech (NL)		64-30
12 E Illinois (NL)		48-0
19 at Purdue (+4)	L	7-35
26 at Bowling Green (-20)	L	38-31
O. 3 at Toledo (-3)	W	31-24
10 N Illinois (-37)	L	38-17
24 at SW Louisiana (NL)		42-10
31 Youngstown St (NL)		44-32
N. 7 at Auburn (+5 1/2)	W	6-10
14 Ball St (-31 1/2)	L	37-14
21 New Mexico (-21 1/2)	W	38-6

Carolina before he enrolled in junior college.

Siaba Burley and Mark Nonsant, who combined last fall for 153 catches and 13 TDs, have picked up their diplomas, with Charles Lee (6-2, 205, sr.) and Kenny Clark (6-1, 210, jr.) the most likely to fill those wideout slots. Lee had 46 catches for 656 yards and three scores last fall, while Clark pulled down 40 throws for 481 yards and six touchdowns. Also on call for work at wide receiver are junior Tyson Hinshaw (6-0, 165) and soph Tavirus Davis (6-2, 190) plus redshirt freshmen Britt McGriff (5-10, 170) and Randolph Waite (6-0, 185). Senior Joey Hubbard (6-3, 250), who sat out most of the '98 campaign with a broken ankle, will take over at tight end where he'll be supported by frosh recruit Mario Jackson (6-2, 230).

The vacancy at tailback is being fought for by junior Edward Mack (5-9, 180), soph Omari Howard (5-8, 220) and JUCO transfer Terrance Williams (5-10, 190), while junior letterman Dwight Collins (5-10, 215) is challenging senior incumbent Page Sessoms (6-0, 225) at fullback. Mack was second on last year's rushing charts with 471 yards gained and three scores, averaging 6.2 yards per carry.

The offensive interior line took a big hit from sheepskin fever, with junior center Chris Lorenti (6-5, 320) and senior tackle Frank Haynes (6-7, 320) the only returning regulars. Ahmed El-Hawary (6-2, 275, jr.) and John Beauchamp (6-4, 285, jr.), both top backups a year ago, move up to the first string at the guard positions, with senior David Wilson (6-6, 310) apparently having beaten out junior Freddie Moore (6-6, 300) for starting rights at the other OT post.

There's a bit more stability on the defensive side where seven starters return, except at line-backer where senior Deaubrey Devine (6-0, 235) is the only holdover regular. Devine piled up 64 tackles from his MLB position. Top candidates for the two OLB jobs are sophs Tito Rodriguez (6-2, 235) and Tony Hardman (6-0, 220) plus junior Willie Davis (5-11, 215).

Up front, all four regulars from a year ago return to action, along with their top backups from '98. Tackle Justen Moore (6-4, 265, sr.), an All-Independent choice last fall, heads the returnees after posting a dozen tackles for loss and eight QB sacks last season. Junior Jeff Mauldin (6-3, 255) is back at the other DT post, with senior Marv Richardson (6-4, 240) and junior Fred Harley (6-2, 260) again protecting the flanks. Richardson and Harley combined for 87 tackles and nine sacks a year ago. Providing experienced support in the D-line will be DEs Scott Dedelow (6-2, 265, sr.) and Josh McKibben (6-2, 255, so.) plus DTs Raheem Pontiflet (6-4, 235, sr.) and Mike Hulsman (6-3, 230, so.).

The Golden Knights are loaded with speed in the secondary where senior cornerback Jeff Fye (5-8, 150) leads the charge. The diminutive banger broke up nine passes last season and forced two fumbles. JUCO transfer Travis Fisher (5-10, 175, so.) will battle junior letterman Davin Bush (5-8, 160) for the other CB assignment. Junior Damian Demps (6-1, 185) is the incumbent at strong safety where he led the '98 club with 92 tackles and a pair of pass interceptions, while junior Tyrell Rice (6-0, 180), a three-game starter last fall, fills the vacancy at free safety. Junior Tommy Shavers (5-11, 180) and sophs Elliot Shorter (5-10, 190) and Albert Snyder (5-11, 170) are also in the deep zone picture.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The loss of

superstar QB Daunte Culpepper is in itself enough to make the Golden Knights struggle in '99, but when you add in the fact UCF's upcoming schedule features four bowl winners from '98, the chances Central Florida can duplicate its super showing of a year ago is as remote as Bill Clinton winning a citation from the Boy Scouts for moral leadership! Posting a winning record should be considered an achievement for Coach Kruczek's crew this fall.

## NE LOUISIANA

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	19
	Returning	43
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
		Defense 7

The guys in all the sports information offices can't resist the melodramatic whenever there's a coaching change, so NLU is hailing the "dawn of a new era" as Bobby Keasler returns to his alma mater as head coach of the Indians. Keasler, who led McNeese State to a 78-34-2 mark in nine years at the helm, takes over a program that's looking to put together its first winning season since jumping to Division I-A ranks in 1994.

If that's to happen, Coach Keasler knows he's got to get a better effort out of the Indians' attack, which last year netted just 297.1 yards per game. To help out, he's signed ex-San Diego Charger QB Stan Humphries, who'll work with holdover signal caller Andre Vige (6-4, 180, so.), who completed 136 of 284 passing tries last year for 1,967 yards and 17 touchdowns versus nine interceptions. He set a school record with five TD passes in the season finale against Portland State.

Standout '98 receivers Marty Booker and Tony Akins (combined 103 catches, 1,749 yards, 15 TDs) are gone, with senior Derrick Bridges (6-2, 200), who had just seven catches in '98, the top returning wideout. Junior Darrick Hart (6-0, 205) is expected to fill the opening at flanker, with juniors Kevin Stevenson (5-11, 190) and Michael Davis (6-0, 220), senior Wymeko Williams (5-10, 170) and redshirt freshman Sean Brown (5-9, 160) also competing for playing time at WR. Senior

1998 N.E. Louisiana Final Statistics		
	N.E. Louisiana	Opp
Points per game	21	29
1st Downs	170	265
Rush Att	368	476
Rush Yards	955	2066
Avg Rush	2.6	4.3
Pass Comp	156	202
Pass Att	334	357
Pass Yds	2313	2845
Had Int	11	18
Off Yds per game	297	447

1998 RESULTS		
S. 5 Nicholls St (NL)		44-10
12 at Florida (+43)	W	10-42
19 SF Austin (NL)		21-10
26 at Kansas St (+45)	L	7-52
O. 3 at W Michigan (+6 1/2)	L	14-27
10 Louisiana Tech (+13 1/2)	L	14-44
24 at Arizona (+33 1/2)	L	7-45
31 Alabama-Birm. (-2 1/2)	W	20-14
N. 7 SW Louisiana (-12)	L	34-24
14 at Arkansas St (-4 1/2)	L	13-17
21 Portland St (NL)		43-27



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Chris Spencer (6-4, 270) will handle things at tight end where he made 10 grabs for two scores last fall.

NLU's puny ground game loses last fall's top two ball carriers, but Arkansas transfer Mark Henderson (5-11, 225, jr.) is expected to fill that gap immediately. Henderson will be pushed for playing time by soph letterman Keith Thomas (6-0, 180), along with Kond Allen (5-8, 190, sr.) and Michael Mitchell (5-8, 185, sr.).

Four regulars from a year ago return to the Indians' blocking corps, including All-America candidate Shane Pittard (6-4, 290, sr.). Pittard played center a year ago but will likely return to his normal guard spot this fall. Senior Brian Garrett (6-3, 255) is due to fill the pivot's role, with junior Padraic McGinnis (6-5, 295) and senior Jack Rozek (6-5, 275) back at the tackle posts. Junior Roderick Daniel (6-3, 300) is the incumbent at the other OG position, with backup help up front coming from lettermen Harvey Goins (6-6, 280, jr.) and Larry Pink (6-3, 255, so.).

There's another all-star candidate in the NLU defensive front line, and that's senior DE Jonathan Foster (6-2, 255), who had 13 tackles for negative yardage and seven sacks a year ago. Senior Eric Jones (6-2, 260) is penciled in as the new starter at the flank opposite Foster, soph Donald Malveaux (6-3, 270) returns at nose guard and Mike Turner (6-4, 270, sr.) takes over at defensive tackle. Soph Jonathan Williams (6-4, 280), senior Jason Shepherd (6-1, 290) and redshirt freshmen Jamma Williams (6-0, 255) and Stephen Hagan (6-2, 275) lead the D-line backup brigade.

The experienced combo of senior Desmond Beckwith (6-0, 230) and soph Otis Robinson (5-10, 205) are in control at the linebacker posts where Robinson had 69 stops and Beckwith 65 a year ago. The LB bench contains junior Carey Johnson (6-0, 210) along with sophomores Jeremy Alford (5-10, 210), Carlos Hughes (6-1, 220) and Darren Roberts (6-1, 215).

Junior cornerback Pat Dennis (6-0, 205), who earned third team A-A honors in '98, is the ring-leader in the NLU secondary. Dennis had 75 tackles, deflected 18 passes and picked off seven enemy aerials last season. Junior Henry Whitehead (5-11, 185) is the man at the opposite corner, with senior Travis Singleton (5-11, 185) due to open as the new free safety after starting at CB a year ago. NLU utilizes two strong safeties, with '98 regular Nate Jones (5-11, 195, sr.) handling one SS assignment and junior Cedric Robinson (5-11, 200) battling JUCO transfer Dedric Buckles (6-0, 215, jr.) for the nod at the second SS job. Depth in the deep zones will be provided by Karlton Washington (5-8, 170, so.), Coby Roberts (5-8, 160, so.) and Southern Miss transfer Joey Marzula (5-10, 195, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** NLU, which has hopes of joining a conference some time soon, has recorded 5-6 marks the last two years and just can't seem to get over the .500 hump. That might not happen this year, either, as the Indians need major improvement on both sides

of the ball to make them winners. Bobby Keasler's record shows he knows how to win and the Indians will also learn, the results of which probably won't be evident for another season or two.

## MIDDLE TENN. ST

(5-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	38
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	5
	Defense	7

The Blue Raiders take the big step into Division 1-A football this season with a new head coach and a basketful of hope. Andy McCollum comes aboard after serving as an assistant at Baylor and UTEP, and he's got a reconstruction job under way as he preps his new charges for the '99 campaign.

The Blue Raiders have some competent veterans at several skill positions, but Coach McCollum has to find capable bodies to surround those folks! At quarterback, soph Wes Counts (6-1, 190) returns after having ended the '98 campaign as the number one rated freshman passer with an efficiency rating of 143.28! Counts threw for 1,541 yards and 11 TDs with just two INTs while nailing 67% of his tosses.

Leading the wide receiver crew is soph Kendall Newson (6-1, 175), who had 30 catches for 415 yards and four scores a year ago. Soph Hansford Johnson (5-7, 155) will be at another WR slot where he made a dozen grabs with one TD in '98, with P.J. Johnson (5-10, 185, RSF), Rashaad Craft (6-0, 190, jr.) and Ryan Smith (5-11, 185, jr.) also expected to see time at the receiving slots. At tight end, the starting nod will go to one of three competing redshirt freshmen -- Lucas Frost (6-3, 220), Joel Neece (6-3, 240) and Marvin Dean (6-0, 220).

The Blue Raiders' top ball carrier figures to be senior tailback Kellverrick Green (5-9, 195), who last fall rushed for 587 yards and three TDs while averaging 6.0 yards per carry. Green is just 183 yards shy of reaching 2,000 yards for his MTU career. Letterman Tony Wesley (5-10, 200, so.) will be a valuable backup at TB, with junior Gerald Brown (6-0, 210) and redshirt freshmen Jason Spray (5-10, 220) and Matt Graham (5-10, 225) in the running for the vacant fullback's job.

Coach McCollum has a lot of work to do in his blocking corps where tackles Kevin Richer (6-5, 310, sr.) and Barry Hall (6-6, 305, jr.) are the lone returning regulars. Soph Jerome Agnew (6-0, 285) is in the fight for the center's job, while top guard candidates include juniors Tony Edge (6-2, 290) and Lucas Williams (6-0, 305).

In the defensive front wall, juniors Martez Phelps (6-2, 280) and LeBron Elder (6-3, 260) plus senior Jeff Thomas (6-2, 275) have all started in the past at end, while the contenders for the vacant DT slot include senior Carnell Houston (5-11, 265). Phelps and Thomas each had three QB sacks a year ago.

The leaders in the linebacker crew again will be junior Keith Pauldo (5-11, 240) and junior Kendall Solomon (5-10, 215), with lettermen Bo Browne (6-0, 230, jr.), Isaiah Brown (6-1, 190, jr.), Billy Durham (5-10, 230), Scott Brown (6-0, 220, so.) and Kenta Sadler (5-11, 210, so.) all in the competition for playing time in the second line of defense. Pauldo was the Raiders' leading tackler a year ago with 78 stops, 10 of which were behind enemy lines with three sacks.

Senior strong safety Charlie Walker (5-11, 210) is the lone holdover starter in the MTU deep

## 1998 M Tennessee St Final Statistics

	Mid Tenn St	Opp
Points per game	25	26
1st Downs	182	188
Rush Att	393	371
Rush Yards	1552	1557
Avg Rush	3.9	4.2
Pass Comp	163	180
Pass Att	250	307
Pass Yds	1795	2249
Had Int	3	13
Off Yds per game	335	381

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Tennessee St (NL)	28-27
12	at Illinois (NL)	20-48
19	at Jacksonville St (NL)	7-10
26	E Kentucky (NL)	24-28
O. 3	at Tennessee Tech (NL)	19-16
10	Murray St (NL)	35-14
24	E Illinois (NL)	32-35
31	at SE Missouri St (NL)	21-19
N. 7	at Tenn-Martin (NL)	47-33
14	at Alabama-Birm (NL)	17-26

defense. Top candidates for free safety include Mario Kelso (5-11, 175, jr.), Corey Conner (5-10, 180, jr.) and Delvin Pikes (5-11, 165, jr.), while the competition to fill the cornerback posts includes Geno Henderson (5-10, 180, sr.), Keith Dollar (5-11, 195, jr.) and Lorenzo Hawkins (6-2, 170, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Middle Tennessee enters the '99 campaign at a new level of competition with a new coach and new artificial turf on its playing field, all of which will take some time to get accustomed to. The Blue Raiders have enjoyed a measure of success in the Ohio Valley Conference, but their new level of competition as a Division 1-A independent is going to present some problems, at least initially. You can expect the Blue Raiders to be dedicated and enthusiastic, but don't expect Middle Tennessee to post a winning record anytime soon.

## SW LOUISIANA

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	40
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	10
	Defense	8

Does anyone in America have a tougher job than the hacks trying to restore Bill Clinton's credibility? Maybe Jerry Baldwin, the new head coach at USL who takes over a program that's won just three games in the last two years!

Baldwin does have the luxury of 10 returning regulars on the USL attack unit, but that gang averaged just 299.9 yards and 18.1 points a game a year ago. Coach Baldwin has to settle on a quarterback after senior Barton Folse (6-2, 225), junior Lance Domec (6-1, 195) and soph Derek Dyer (6-1, 195) all played that post a year ago. Folse's the best passer of the trio, having thrown for 842 yards and three scores last year despite missing four games with injuries. Dyer accounted for 612 yards and four TDs up top, with Domec adding 498 yards and four touchdown passes.



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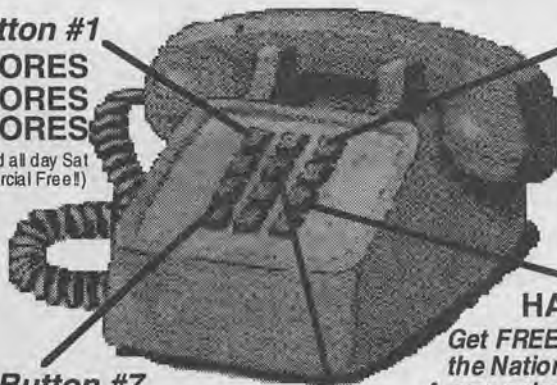
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The leading targets for whomever takes the snaps will be Marcus Wilridge (5-11, 175, so.) and Desmond Williams (6-4, 215, jr.) at the wide receiver posts and tight end Anthony Dozier (6-4, 245, jr.). Wilridge had 19 catches as a freshman in '97 but sat out all of last season, while Williams had 11 catches. Dozier posted 16 grabs with one TD. The Ragin' Cajuns will be without super WR Brandon Stokley, who grabbed 65 aeriels for 1,173 yards and eight scores last season.

There's talent at running back where juniors Darren Brister (5-10, 185), John Bernard (6-1, 210) and Elvis Joseph (6-1, 210) worked at tail-back last fall. Brister led the team in rushing with 646 yards, Bernard posted 492 yards

gained and five TDs, and Joseph had 16 receptions for 226 yards and one score while operating as the slotback a year ago. In '97, Joseph led USL in ground gaining with 532 yards as a true freshman. Senior Tim Keys (6-2, 230) is expected to open as the new fullback.

Four holdover starters return in the O-line, but overall depth here is a major concern. Junior David Gaar (6-3, 285) will again be over the ball at center, with juniors Brandon Arabia (6-3, 285) and Ryan Childers (6-3, 265) at the guard slots. Senior Mark Lamere (6-6, 300) is back at his familiar OT post, with junior Ryan Cade (6-5, 285) battling senior Jason Boyer (6-4, 295) for starting rights at the other tackle berth.

## 1998 SW Louisiana Final Statistics

	SW Louisiana	Opp
Points per game	18	41
1st Downs	173	247
Rush Att	426	467
Rush Yards	1294	2427
Avg Rush	3.0	5.2
Pass Comp	138	172
Pass Att	302	312
Pass Yds	2005	3180
Had Int	15	5
Off Yds per game	300	510

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Arkansas	(+32)	W	17-38
12	Northwestern St	(NL)		22-24
19	at Louisiana Tech	(NL)		14-77
26	at Southern Miss	(+34 1/2)	L	0-55
O. 3	at Alabama-Birm	(NL)		13-24
17	Arkansas St	(NL)		21-19
24	C Florida	(NL)		10-42
31	at Tulane	(+37)	L	20-72
N. 7	at NE Louisiana	(+12)	W	24-34
14	at Oklahoma St	(+37)	W	20-44
21	W Kentucky	(NL)		38-24

A trio of regulars returns to the USL defensive front wall, but, again, depth is a concern. Seniors Danny Scott (6-4, 260) and Matt Merry (6-3, 250) will again protect the flanks, with junior Charles Brown (6-5, 275) posted at one DT slot. Scott had 11 stops for minus yardage last fall with eight QB sacks. Seniors Eugene Chambers (6-3, 255) and Ronnie Adams (6-3, 270) are duking it out for starting rights at the DT position opposite Brown.

Solidifying the linebacking crew are returning senior starters Dwayne Viator (6-1, 240) and Gerald Stewart (5-11, 225), who made a combined 138 tackles last year. Battling for the third backer assignment are soph Nathaniel Heard (6-2, 215) and redshirt freshmen Blake Bourque (6-1, 220) and Walter Sampson (6-4, 240), with lettermen Ron Payne (6-2, 220, jr.) and Victor Hart (6-0, 215, jr.) providing key backup support at LB.

There's but one vacancy in the defensive backfield where cornerbacks Charles Woods (5-9, 175, sr.) and Mark Sylvas (5-7, 165, sr.) plus safety Matt Cieslak (6-0, 185, so.) are incumbents from a year ago. Cieslak had 76 tackles and led the squad with three interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Woods and Sylvas combined for 111 tackles in '98. Redshirt freshman Brian Deamer (6-1, 190) and junior letterman William Young (6-1, 185) are the top candidates to fill the vacant free safety post.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** There's nowhere to go but up for the Ragin' Cajuns, who ranked near the bottom of the NCAA charts in nearly every statistical category a year ago. New coach Jerry Baldwin has 18 holdover starters to work with, but there's little in support of his first stringers. If USL can stay free of injuries, the seasoned regulars should be more competitive this year than in '98, but more than two or three wins this fall is a real longshot for USL!



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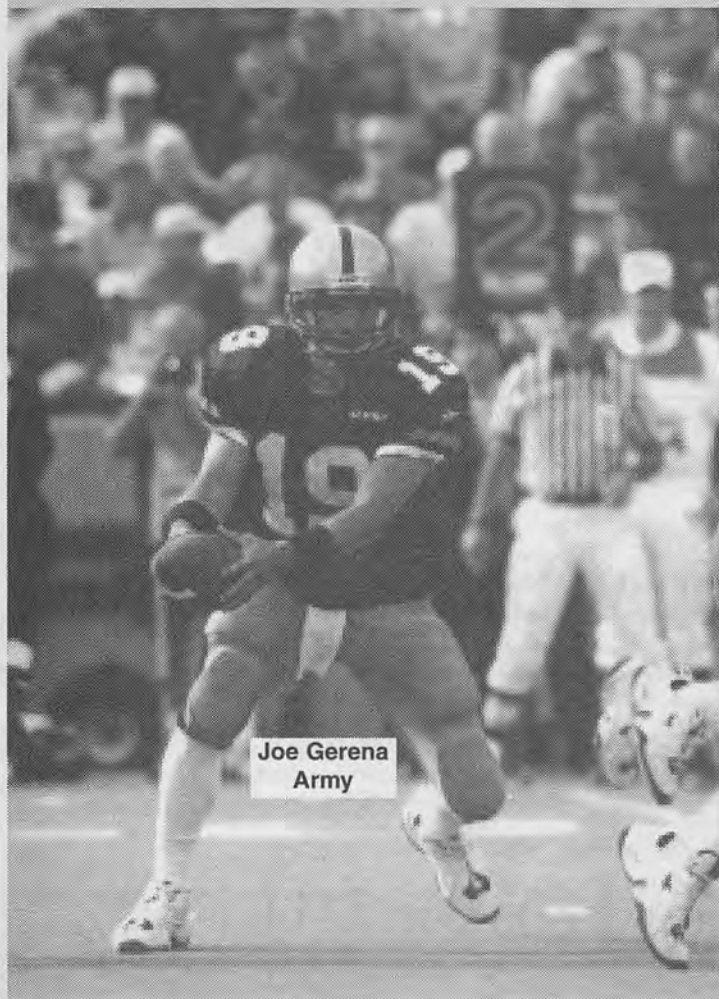
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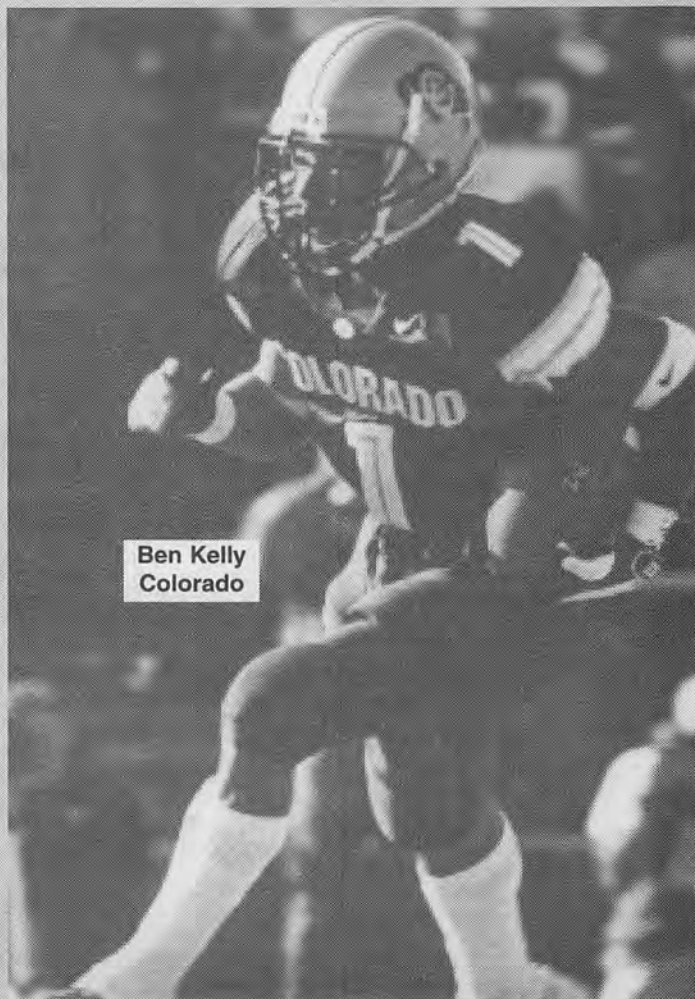
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## North Division

### NEBRASKA

(9-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	49
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
	Defense	8

The Huskers fell off their lofty perch last season because their offense was a bit off its feed and their defense was not as stingy as it was two years ago. But Head Coach Frank Solich has told us that the past is history, and the future (as in now!) will see his charges rule the roost in the Big 12. And we're not about to argue with him!

Nebraska's offense will again be piloted by alternating quarterbacks Bobby Newcombe (6-0, 195, jr.) and Eric Crouch (6-0, 205, so.). Despite missing a total of 12 games because of injuries last season, they completed a combined 99 of 180 passes for 1,313 yards and five touchdowns. And they also ran for 687 yards and 13 TDs.

Junior split end Matt Davison (6-0, 185) will head the receiving corps after making a team-leading 32 catches for 394 yards last year. Senior letterman Frankie London (6-0, 185), who has started in the past, will take over at wingback, while 1998 co-regular T.J. DeBates (6-3, 260) and sophomore letterman Tracey Wistrom (6-4, 240) are ticketed to run 1-2 at tight end.

The Huskers are in great shape at the I-back position where juniors DeAngelo Evans (5-9, 210), Correll Buckhalter (6-0, 230) and Dan Alexander (6-0, 250) are back on the job after rushing for an aggregate 1,386 yards and 16 touchdowns on a total of 250 carries (a 5.5 avg.) in '98. Junior Willie Miller (6-0, 235), who ran for two TDs last fall, will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Ben Kingston (6-1, 245) and super frosh recruit Judd Davies (6-1, 240).

Up front, the blocking corps will be a team strength with the return of four starters -- guards James Sherman (6-2, 305, sr.) and Russ Hochstein (6-3, 295, jr.), and tackles Adam Julch (6-5, 325, sr.) and Jason Schwab (6-1, 305, sr.). 1998 co-regular Dominic Raiola (6-2, 310, so.) will take over at center, while backup support in the O-line will come from lettermen Matt Baldwin (6-1, 300, sr.), Jon Rutherford (6-3, 305, so.), Dave Volk (6-4, 295, so.) and Kyle Kollmorgen (6-4, 300, so.), as well as A-A frosh recruit Dan Waldrop (6-5, 325).

Defensively, the Huskers are very strong at linebacker and in the secondary. Especially the last line of defense which is anchored by A-A candidates Ralph Brown (5-9, 185, sr.) and Mike

## 1998 Nebraska Final Statistics

	Nebraska	Opp
Points per game	32	15
1st Downs	255	199
Rush Att	636	466
Rush Yards	3045	1402
Avg Rush	4.8	3.0
Pass Comp	118	174
Pass Att	208	347
Pass Yds	1574	2362
Had Int	5	14
Off Yds per game	385	314

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 29	Louisiana Tech	(-35 1/2)	L	56-27
S. 5	Alabama-Birm.	(-46 1/2)	L	38-7
12	at California	(-21)	P	24-3
26	Washington	(-13 1/2)	W	55-7
O. 3	vs Oklahoma St	(-26)	L	24-17
10	at Texas A&M	(-11 1/2)	L	21-28
17	Kansas	(-34)	W	41-0
24	Missouri	(-19)	L	20-13
31	Texas	(-16 1/2)	L	16-20
N. 7	at Iowa St	(-26)	W	42-7
14	at Kansas St	(+11)	W	30-40
27	Colorado	(-19 1/2)	L	16-14
D. 30	vs Arizona	(-3)	L	20-23

Brown (5-10, 205, sr.) at cornerback and strong safety, respectively. Also returning to their starting spots in the deep zones are cornerback Erwin Swiney (6-0, 190, jr.) and free safety Clint Finley (5-11, 205, jr.), while the top reserves in this area will be 1998 co-regular Joe Walker (5-10, 205, jr.) and sophomore letterman Keyuo Craver (6-0, 190).

The linebacking corps will be spearheaded by alternating outside backers Eric Johnson (6-1, 215, sr.), Tony Ortiz (6-0, 220, sr.) and Brian Shaw (6-1, 225, sr.), who last year made a combined 155 tackles, including 24 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. They'll again be strongly supported by senior lettermen Julius Jackson (6-0, 240) and Josh Kohl (6-1, 230), while junior monogram winner Carlos Polk (6-3, 250) will man the middle backer post where he'll be supported by sophomore letterman Jamie Burrow (6-1, 235).

The four-man front wall welcomes back two starters -- tackle Loran Kaiser (6-5, 295, jr.) and nose tackle Steve Warren (6-1, 310, sr.), who made a total of 66 tackles last season. They'll be supported by sophomore lettermen Jeremy Slechta (6-5, 275) and Jason Lohr (6-3, 285), while lettermen Kyle Vanden Bosch (6-4, 270, jr.) and Aaron Wills (6-3, 250, sr.) will take over at the two end positions where they'll be backstopped by powerful JUCO transfer Patrick Kabongo (6-6, 320, so.) and promising redshirt freshmen Chris Kelsay (6-5, 260) and Justin Smith (6-5, 260).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Nebraska will be heard from in a big way in '99. In fact, on the strength of an offense that will be more productive than it was a year ago, and an improved defense that'll be tough to run on and even tougher to pass against, the Cornhuskers will shuck the hides off most (if not all!) of their opponents this season. And you can take that to 300 banks!

## KANSAS STATE

(11-2-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	26
	Returning	37
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 3
	Defense	7

The Wildcats closed their '98 campaign in uncharacteristic fashion as seven turnovers and a sputtering aerial attack doomed them to a 37-34 loss to Purdue in the Alamo Bowl. If they're to rebound in a big way this season, Head Coach Bill Snyder must successfully rebuild an offense that lost all-star quarterback Michael Bishop and seven other starters to graduation. From our vantage point, it appears to be a task he'll complete with relative ease!

Getting first shot at filling Bishop's shoes are experienced lettermen Jonathan Beasley (6-1, 220, jr.) and Adam Helm (6-3, 220, sr.), with sophomore Jeremy Milne (6-0, 215) also in the QB sweepstakes. But we believe all three will eventually be sent to the sidelines by super frosh recruit Eli Roberson (6-1, 190), a tremendous combo quarterback who was sensational during his prep career as he passed for 4,665 yards and 37 touchdowns, and ran for 2,178 yards and 42 TDs on 318 carries (a 6.8 avg.).

Sophomore wideout Aaron Lockett (5-7, 160) will head the receiving corps after catching 44 passes for 928 yards and six touchdowns last fall. Fellow sophomore Brandon Clark (6-3, 220) is first in line to fill the other WR slot, while others vying for playing time at the wideouts are junior letterman Martez Wesley (5-11, 175) and heralded JUCO transfers George Williams (6-1, 190, jr.) and Quincy Morgan (6-2, 205, jr.). Expected to take over at tight end is junior letterman Shad Meier (6-5, 250), and he'll be supported by sophomore Nick Warren (6-7, 265) and A-A redshirt freshman Josh Doiron (6-6, 250).

The ground game will be powered by alternating tailbacks David Allen (5-9, 195, jr.) and Frank Murphy (6-1, 205, sr.), who ran for a combined 434 yards and six touchdowns as top reserves last year. Joining them at TB will be A-A JUCO transfer Joe Hall (6-2, 265, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Danny Morris (6-1, 195), while Oregon State transfer Johnno Lazetich (6-1, 245, jr.) will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Ryan Payne (6-0, 235).

Up front, the blocking corps will be anchored by junior center Randall Cummins (6-3, 290), while the two tackle posts will be manned by Milford Stephenson (6-2, 280, jr.) and Thomas Barnett (6-5, 295, so.), both of whom started seven games at tackle last season. The new starting guards will be 1998 co-regular Ian Moses (6-4, 295, sr.) and sophomore Andy Erby (6-3, 290), while also in the O-line mix are junior Ryan Cummings (6-4, 290), sophomores John Robertson (6-4, 290) and Dennis Jones (6-7, 320), and three heralded newcomers -- redshirt freshman Steve Washington (6-4, 320) and JUCO transfers Matt Martin (6-6, 275, jr.) and Oshin Honarchian (6-5, 290, jr.).

Defensively, the Wildcats will claw a lot of people this season. They'll be led into battle by big-play end Darren Howard (6-4, 275, sr.), who last year made 51 tackles, including 17 for minus

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## 1998 Kansas St Final Statistics

	Kansas St	Opp
Points per game	48	13
1st Downs	295	178
Rush Att	571	433
Rush Yards	2699	1179
Avg Rush	4.7	2.7
Pass Comp	179	141
Pass Att	316	326
Pass Yds	3042	2041
Had Int	5	16
Off Yds per game	478	268

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Indiana St (NL)	W	66-0
12	N Illinois (-48 1/2)	W	73-7
19	Texas (-24)	W	48-7
26	NE Louisiana (-45)	W	62-7
O. 10 at	Colorado (-14 1/2)	L	16-9
17	Oklahoma St (-21)	W	52-20
24	Iowa St (-34)	W	52-7
31 at	Kansas (-27)	W	54-6
N. 7 at	Baylor (-31)	W	49-6
14	Nebraska (-11)	L	40-30
21 at	Missouri (-13)	L	31-25
D. 5 vs	Texas A&M (-17 1/2)	L	33-36
29 vs	Purdue (-13 1/2)	L	34-37

yardage with 11 quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Monty Beisel (6-3, 260, jr.), who recorded 35 stops with 10 for minus yardage and four QB sacks last fall, hopes to start at the other end position, but his hopes could be dashed by All-American JUCO transfer Cliff Holloman (6-3, 270, jr.), who was the No. 1 DE in the JUCO ranks last season. Senior Damion McIntosh (6-4, 295) is back at his tackle post, with sophomore letterman DeVane Robinson (6-1, 280) expected to man the other tackle berth. Superior depth in the D-line will be provided by lettermen Chris Johnson (6-1, 270, jr.) and Eric Everley (6-6, 325, so.), as well as redshirt freshman Melvin Williams (6-4, 275) and JUCO transfers Nilijah McCoy (6-3, 295, jr.), Mario Fatafehi (6-3, 295, jr.) and Anthony Bates (6-1, 285, jr.).

Senior linebacker Mark Simoneau (6-0, 240) spearheads the second line of defense after making a team-leading 95 tackles last year. Taking over at the other two backer positions are 1998 co-regular Ben Leber (6-3, 250, sr.) and senior letterman Travis Litton (6-2, 245), while solid backup support in this area will come from lettermen Turelle Williams (6-0, 235, jr.), Jason Kazar (6-0, 230, jr.) and Shelby Wehrman (5-10, 215, sr.), as well as redshirted JUCO transfer Warren Lott (6-3, 240, jr.).

State's stingy secondary welcomes back all four starters, including All-Big 12 selections Jarrod Cooper (6-1, 205, jr.) and Lamar Chapman (6-0, 180, sr.) at strong safety and free safety, respectively. Dyshod Carter (5-10, 185, jr.) and Jerametris Butler (5-10, 175, so.) are the starting cornerbacks, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen Milton Proctor (6-0, 200, so.), Adrian Beard (5-8, 175, jr.) and Jon McGraw (6-3, 205, so.), as well as redshirt freshman Terence Newman (5-11, 175) and redshirted JUCO transfer DeRon Tyler (5-8, 170, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Wildcats may be a little less productive than they were a year ago, but they'll still be good enough to average over 450 yards and 40 points per game with their well-balanced attack. And any offensive shortcomings will be more than offset by a rock-solid defense that

will be almost impossible to run on and even more difficult to pass against. So guess what? This team could (if not should!) easily win as many (or more!) games as it did last season, that's what!

## COLORADO

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	13
	Returning	57
	STARTERS RETURNING	9
	Offense	9
	Defense	9

After resurrecting Northwestern's football program over the last seven years, new head coach Gary Barnett believes he can lead the Buffaloes to a position of dominance in his first season at the Colorado helm. With a horde of seasoned starters and several blue-chip newcomers to work with, Coach Barnett may be able to do just that!

Offensively, the Buffs will again be led into battle by senior quarterback Mike Moschetti (6-0, 195), who did a great job in his first season as a starter last year when, including the Aloha Bowl, he passed for 2,334 yards and 19 touchdowns with only seven interceptions. Moschetti will be backstopped by junior letterman Adam Bledsoe (6-5, 230) and A-A redshirt freshmen Taylor Barton (6-3, 210) and Zac Colvin (6-4, 215).

The receiving corps is top shelf and is headed by wideouts Javon Green (6-2, 195, jr.) and Marcus Stiggers (5-7, 180, sr.), who last year caught a combined 56 passes for 781 yards and six touchdowns. They'll be supported by lettermen Robert Toler (6-0, 200, sr.), John Minardi (6-2, 190, so.) and Cedric Cormier (5-11, 180, so.), while powerful junior Tom Ashworth (6-5, 270) returns at tight end where he'll be backstopped by lettermen Miles Koon (6-5, 270, so.), Daniel Graham (6-3, 240, so.) and Brody Heffner-Liddiard (6-5, 245, sr.).

Trying their best to author a more productive running attack will be alternating tailbacks Dwayne Cherrington (5-10, 195, sr.), Cortlen Johnson (5-9, 190, so.) and Damion Barton (5-11, 185, jr.), who ran for a combined 720 yards last fall. Also in the TB picture is explosive frosh recruit Marcus Moore (6-0, 190), while strong-blocking sophomore letterman David Andrews (6-3, 245) and A-A redshirt freshman Brandon Drumm (6-2, 225) are ticketed to run 1-2 at fullback.

Up front, the blocking corps returns all five starters and is free of the injuries that plagued it a year ago. Andre Gurode (6-4, 315, so.) is over the ball at center, with Brad Bedell (6-5, 320, sr.) and Ryan Johannmeier (6-7, 320, sr.) at the guards, and Shane Cook (6-7, 320, sr.) and Victor Rogers (6-7, 325, so.) lining up at the tackles. Reserve support in the O-line will come from A-A redshirt freshman Justin Bates (6-4, 295) and lettermen Kane Cullum (6-5, 320, sr.), Chris Morgan (6-3, 310, sr.), Martin Simmons (6-3, 315, sr.) and Erin Huizingh (6-8, 310, so.).

The strength of Colorado's defense is a stingy secondary that returns intact and is headed by super cornerbacks Ben Kelly (5-10, 185, jr.) and Damen Wheeler (5-10, 175, sr.), who last season broke up an aggregate 39 passes and intercepted a total of six enemy aerials. John Sanders (5-11, 185, jr.) and Rashidi Barnes (6-0, 190, sr.) are rock-solid at strong safety and free safety, respectively, while excellent backup support in the deep zones will be provided by 1998 co-regulars Albus

## 1998 Colorado Final Statistics

	Colorado	Opp
Points per game	23	19
1st Downs	205	192
Rush Att	453	450
Rush Yards	1355	1623
Avg Rush	3.0	3.6
Pass Comp	173	138
Pass Att	306	290
Pass Yds	2226	1633
Had Int	8	11
Off Yds per game	326	296

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 vs	Colorado St (+3 1/2)	W	42-14
12	Fresno St (-21 1/2)	L	29-21
19	Utah St (-23 1/2)	L	25-6
26	Baylor (-16)	L	18-16
O. 3 at	Oklahoma (-4)	L	27-25
10	Kansas St (+14 1/2)	W	9-16
17	Texas Tech (-5)	L	19-17
24 at	Kansas (-7)	L	17-33
N. 7 at	Missouri (+5 1/2)	L	14-38
14	Iowa St (-16 1/2)	W	37-8
27 at	Nebraska (+19 1/2)	W	14-16
D. 25 vs	Oregon (+5 1/2)	W	51-43

Brooks (6-0, 190, so.) and Michael Lewis (6-2, 205, so.), as well as sophomore lettermen Nate Wright (6-0, 185) and Terrence Wood (5-10, 180), and three A-A newcomers -- JUCO transfer Robbie Robinson (6-0, 200, so.) and redshirt freshmen Vince Reed (6-0, 190) and Donald Strickland (5-10, 175).

The three-man front wall is anchored by returning regulars Brady McDonnell (6-4, 270, jr.) and Justin Bannan (6-3, 305, so.) at end and nose guard, respectively. They'll be supported by A-A redshirt freshmen Tyler Brayton (6-6, 270) and Sam Taulealea (6-2, 315), while the tackle position will be shared by experienced lettermen Sean Jarne (6-6, 300, jr.) and Jesse Warren (6-4, 285, sr.).

Senior OLB Fred Jones (6-3, 250) will spearhead the four-man linebacking corps after making 54 tackles with seven QB sacks last fall. He'll again be strongly supported by junior Ian Loper (6-4, 250), while sophomore letterman Robert Haas (6-5, 255) will man the other OLB post. Also returning to their starting spots in this area are inside backers Ty Gregorak (6-3, 245, jr.) and Jashon Sykes (6-3, 235, so.), and they'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman Scott Nemeth (6-2, 235) and promising redshirt freshman Aaron Killion (6-2, 230).

Colorado's kicking game should be quite good with the return of placekicker Jeremy Aldrich (5-11, 170, sr.) and punter Nick Pietsch (6-0, 195, sr.). A year ago, Aldrich hit on 16 of 22 field goal tries, while Pietsch averaged 41.5 yards per boot on 54 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Colorado's attack force will be well-balanced and more productive than it was a year ago when it averaged a very respectable 326 yards and 23 points per game. As for the Buffalo defense, this unit will again be tough to run on and even tougher to pass against as it proves to be more difficult to dent than it was last season when it yielded averages of only 296 yards and 19 points per outing. Which is the primary reason why we believe this team could easily reign supreme in the Big 12.



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# MISSOURI

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	25
	Returning	44
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	5
	Defense	5

It's rebuilding time in Columbia where Head Coach Larry Smith must find capable replacements for super quarterback Corby Jones, All-American tailback Devin West and 10 other graduated starters if Missouri is to improve on its excellent showing of a year ago when the Tigers posted their best record in 18 years!

Actually, Coach Smith should be happy if his charges are able to match their '98 exploits. And his first order of business in helping them try to do so is settling on a new starting signal caller from among four talented candidates -- junior letterman Ryan Douglass (6-2, 215), sophomores Jim Dougherty (6-4, 195) and Kurt Propst (6-2, 215), and redshirt freshman Kirk Farmer (6-5, 220), an excellent runner and passer who appears to have all the tools to become a very good quarterback.

Whoever winds up under center will enjoy playing catch with alternating wideouts Kent Layman (5-11, 185, sr.), John Dausman (6-1, 185, jr.) and Kareem Wise (6-3, 220, sr.), who last year caught a combined 53 passes for 1,002 yards and six touchdowns. 1998 co-regular Dwayne Blakely (6-4, 270, so.) will take over at tight end, and he'll be supported by sophomore lettermen Brandon Ford (6-4, 250) and Garrett Hill (6-5, 250).

With the aforementioned Devin West having walked the graduation plank, Missouri will go with a multiple tailback rotation featuring senior DeVaughn Black (5-11, 215), sophomore Zain Gilmore (6-1, 220) and junior Ricardo Rhodes (5-6, 180). They're capable ball carriers, but neither of them is a Devin West, who ran for 1,578 yards and 17 touchdowns last year. At fullback, strong-blocking senior Rob West (6-0, 235) is back on the job, and he'll be backstopped by redshirt freshmen T.J. Leon (6-0, 220) and Derek Perry (6-2, 245).

The offensive interior line will be rebuilt around two returning starters -- all-star center Rob Riti (6-3, 290, sr.) and sophomore guard Jeff

Hellerstedt (6-4, 295). Promising sophomores Adrian Cole (6-4, 310) and Mike Hayes (6-3, 300) are expected to run 1-2 at the other guard spot, while sophomore lettermen Aaron Crittendon (6-5, 320) and Justin Bland (6-6, 325) will be the new starting tackles. Projected as the top reserves in the blocking corps are junior letterman Joe Glauberman (6-3, 290) and powerful redshirt freshman Wes Wilson (6-4, 305).

Missouri's first line of defense will again be anchored by end Justin Smith (6-5, 265, so.), nose tackle Jeff Marriott (6-5, 310, sr.) and alternating tackles Steve Erickson (6-4, 290, sr.) and Terrell Jurineack (6-4, 285, sr.). A year ago, this four-some made a combined 187 tackles, including 26 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Pat Mingucci (6-2, 280, jr.) will take over at the defensive guard post, while the leading backups in the D-line will be lettermen Daryl Whittington (6-6, 250, jr.) and Michael Gavins (6-6, 290, so.), as well as sophomore Chris Ryan (6-3, 290) and redshirt freshman Cedric Harden (6-3, 290).

The three-man linebacking corps is headed by senior Barry Odom (6-0, 230), who last year made 74 tackles with seven for minus yardage. 1998 co-regulars Jamonte Robinson (6-2, 220, so.) and Danny McCarty (6-3, 265, jr.) will start at the other two backer positions, with solid backup support in this area coming from lettermen Pat Duffy (6-1, 230, jr.) and Duke Revard (6-3, 240, so.), as well as super redshirt freshman Michael Clay (6-3, 270).

The secondary has to be labeled a bit of a question mark since three big-play starters were lost to graduation. The two biggest building blocks in the reconstruction process here are returning starter Carlos Posey (6-0, 200, sr.) and 1998 co-regular Julian Jones (5-11, 190, jr.) at cornerback and free safety, respectively. Lettermen Clarence Jones (6-1, 200, so.) and Harold Hendricks (6-3, 215, jr.) are having at it for starting right at strong safety, while speedy redshirt freshmen Antoine Duncan (5-10, 185) and John McPherson (5-11, 180) are banging heads for the right to fill the CB slot opposite Posey. Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones will be junior letterman Andre Roberson (5-10, 170) and promising redshirt freshman Neal Colzie (6-1, 190).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** If the rebuilt secondary can measure up to the standards set by its 1998 predecessor, Missouri's defense will be just as grudging as it was a year ago when it yielded very respectable averages of 313 yards and 19 points per game. We have our doubts about such a scenario unfolding, but it is certainly not out of the question. The offense, however, is another matter. While Missouri's strike force will get its share of yardage and points, it won't get as much as it did last season when the Jones and West gang averaged 350 yards and 27 points per outing. And that's the primary reason why we believe the Tigers will not be able to match their 1998 win total.

## KANSAS

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	46
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	5

As we predicted, the Jayhawks finished below .500 last season because their stop troops didn't stop a lot of people. But with an improving offense plus an influx of talented newcomers on

## 1998 Kansas Final Statistics

	Kansas	Opp
Points per game	25	31
1st Downs	193	222
Rush Att	429	560
Rush Yards	1638	2592
Avg Rush	3.8	4.6
Pass Comp	133	123
Pass Att	270	239
Pass Yds	1879	1670
Had Int	9	12
Off Yds per game	320	388

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Oklahoma St	(+9)	L	28-38
12	at Missouri	(+17)	L	23-41
19	Illinois St	(NL)	L	63-21
26	at Alabama-Birm.	(-7)	L	39-37
O. 3	Texas A&M	(+13 1/2)	W	21-24
10	at Baylor	(+6)	L	24-31
17	at Nebraska	(+34)	L	0-41
24	Colorado	(+7)	W	33-17
31	Kansas St	(+27)	L	6-54
N. 7	N Texas	(-15 1/2)	L	23-14
21	at Iowa St	(-2 1/2)	L	20-23

the defensive side of the ball, Kansas could be primed to win more games than it loses this season.

For that to happen, however, quarterbacks Zac Wegner (6-2, 205, sr.) and Jay Alexander (6-2, 205, jr.) must improve their accuracy in a big way. The top dog here is Wegner, who last year completed 91 of 186 passes (48.9%) for 1,367 yards and seven touchdowns. Alexander, who has a better set of wheels than Wegner, hit on 42 of 84 tosses (50%) for 512 yards and two TDs.

The receiving corps is in very good shape, especially at the two wideout positions where Harrison Hill (5-11, 185, so.), Termaine Fulton (5-10, 190, jr.) and Michael Chandler (5-11, 195, sr.) are back to share starting duties. A year ago, they caught a combined 74 passes for 1,130 yards and six touchdowns. The top reserve at WR is sophomore Byron Gasaway (6-4, 190), who snagged 12 spirals for 148 yards and two scores in '98, while junior Jason Guley (6-3, 260) is back at tight end where he'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman Steve Kullberg (6-5, 250) and senior Sean McDermott (6-3, 245), a co-regular in '97 who was sidelined by a foot injury all of last season.

The ground game is powered by alternating halfbacks David Winbush (5-7, 175, jr.) and Mitch Bowles (5-8, 190, sr.), who were very impressive last season when they ran for a combined 1,412 yards and 13 touchdowns. Also in the HB picture is impressive sophomore Henri Childs (6-2, 210), while powerful junior Moran Norris (6-2, 250) returns at fullback where he'll again be supported by senior letterman Tyrus Fontenot (5-8, 230).

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- guard Dameon Hunt (6-2, 310, sr.), tackle Bob Smith (6-4, 290, so.) and center Chris Enneking (6-4, 290, sr.). The vacant guard post will be fought for by junior letterman Chuck Jarvis (6-6, 320) and redshirted JUCO A-A John Odonetto (6-5, 295, jr.), while sophomore lettermen Justin Hartwig (6-4, 300) and Ben Coleman (6-4, 310) are ticketed to run 1-2 at the tackle spot opposite Smith. Projected as leading backups in the O-line are junior lettermen Bob Schmidt (6-1, 285) and Marc Owen (6-2, 320), as well as promising redshirt freshman Kyle Grady (6-4,

1998 Missouri Final Statistics		
	Missouri	Opp
Points per game	27	19
1st Downs	214	201
Rush Att	546	451
Rush Yards	2552	1761
Avg Rush	4.7	3.9
Pass Comp	88	155
Pass Att	187	270
Pass Yds	1298	1686
Had Int	5	13
Off Yds per game	350	313

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Bowling Green	(-26)	W	37-0
12	Kansas	(-17)	W	41-23
19	at Ohio St	(+25)	W	14-35
O. 3	Northwestern St	(NL)	W	35-14
10	at Iowa St	(-7)	W	35-19
17	Oklahoma	(-16 1/2)	L	20-6
24	at Nebraska	(+19)	W	13-20
31	at Texas Tech	(+1 1/2)	W	28-26
N. 7	Colorado	(-5 1/2)	W	38-14
14	at Texas A&M	(+6)	W	14-17
21	Kansas St	(+13)	W	25-31
D. 26	vs W Virginia	(-3 1/2)	L	34-31



Defensively, the Jayhawks are in very good shape up front where their three-man trench is anchored by senior ends Dion Johnson (6-4, 290) and Dion Rayford (6-3, 270), who last year made a combined 70 tackles with 10 for minus yardage. They'll be strongly supported by A-A JUCO transfer Ryan Brock (6-4, 280, jr.) and senior lettermen Kareem Carter (6-6, 280), Jeremy Hanak (6-6, 260) and Jeff Redhage (6-6, 275), while the powerful duo of John Williams (6-2, 310, sr.) and Nate Dwyer (6-3, 310, so.) will again run 1-2 at nose tackle where they'll be backstopped by redshirt freshman Scott Simpson (6-2, 325). This unit should be a team strength!

So could the four-man linebacking corps despite losing every starter to graduation. Two of the four holes should be more than adequately filled by A-A JUCO transfers Scott Rogers (6-2, 240, jr.) and Chaz Murphy (6-4, 260, jr.) at ILB and OLB, respectively. The other two starters here figure to be junior letterman Tim Bowers (6-1, 230) at OLB, and ILB Dariss Lomax (6-2, 235, jr.), a co-regular in '97 who was sidelined by injuries last season. Also in the LB equation are experienced lettermen Victor Bullock (6-2, 250, jr.), Andrew LeClair (6-6, 250, so.), Marcus Rogers (6-1, 240, so.) and Algie Atkinson (6-5, 240, so.).

The secondary is headed by incumbents Andrew Davison (5-11, 195, so.) and Chad Coellner (6-0, 200, sr.) at cornerback and free safety, respectively, and they'll be strongly supported by 1998 co-regular Muhammad Rahim (6-0, 185, sr.) and junior letterman Bilal Cook (5-10, 185). Lettermen Quincy Roe (5-9, 180, so.) and Jahmal

Wright (5-8, 180, sr.) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant CB post, while the strong safety position is being fought for by 1998 co-regular Greg Erb (6-0, 185, sr.) and All-American JUCO transfer Kareem High (5-10, 200, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This should be an improved football team in every area. When they're on offense, the Jayhawks will use a balanced attack that'll easily exceed its 1998 output of 320 yards and 25 points per game. And their defense, although anything but a dominant force, could be a helluva lot more grudging than it was a year ago when it allowed averages of 388 yards and 31 points per outing. All of which means that Kansas should have a good shot at scaling the .500 barrier!

## IOWA STATE

(3-8-0)

LETTERMEN Lost 14

Returning 45

STARTERS RETURNING Offense 8

Defense 10

As we predicted in these very pages a year ago, Dan McCarney's Cyclones won three games and were competitive in every game they played last season. And with 18 starters back in the fold, Iowa State is looking to make a lot more noise in the Big 12 this fall. And that might happen if Coach McCarney can conjure up a top notch quarterback to pilot his Pro-Set offense.

Getting first shot at the starting QB job is junior letterman Sage Rosenfels (6-4, 220), who logged very little playing time as the number one backup to the now-graduated Todd Bandhauer last season. Also in serious contention for starting status here

### 1998 Iowa State Final Statistics

	Iowa State	Opp
Points per game	20	30
1st Downs	204	234
Rush Att	394	521
Rush Yards	1432	2511
Avg Rush	3.6	4.8
Pass Comp	183	126
Pass Att	365	230
Pass Yds	2275	1983
Had Int	21	5
Off Yds per game	337	409

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	TCU	(-4 1/2)	L	21-31
12	at Iowa	(+28)	W	27-9
19	Ball St	(-11 1/2)	W	38-0
26	Texas Tech	(+6 1/2)	L	24-31
O. 3	at Texas	(+14)	L	33-54
10	Missouri	(+7)	L	19-35
24	at Kansas St	(+34)	L	7-52
31	at Oklahoma	(+7)	W	14-17
N. 7	Nebraska	(+26)	L	7-42
14	at Colorado	(+16 1/2)	L	8-37
21	Kansas	(+2 1/2)	W	23-20

are talented JUCO transfer Derrick Walker (6-2, 220, jr.) and promising redshirt freshman Ben Dougherty (6-2, 225), who threw for 6,760 yards and 74 touchdowns during his high school career.

Whomever winds up under center will be playing catch with two very good wide receivers in flanker Damien Groce (5-10, 185, sr.) and split end Chris Anthony (6-3, 200, jr.), who last year caught a combined 89 passes for 1,130 yards and

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nine touchdowns. Returning as top reserves at the wideouts are Michael Brantley (6-0, 190, sr.), J.J. Moses (5-6, 175, jr.) and Kenyatta Burris (5-10, 185, sr.), who caught a total of 34 passes last season, while 1998 co-regular Andy Stensrud (6-7, 285, jr.) will take over at tight end where he'll be supported by sophomore letterman Mike Banks (6-4, 255).

Senior tailback Darren Davis (5-8, 190) will spearhead the running game after scampering for a team-leading 1,166 yards and seven touchdowns last fall. He also caught 29 passes for 242 yards and two more TDs. Davis will again be backstopped by sophomore Ennis Haywood (5-10, 210), who ran for 178 yards and two scores in '98, while experienced lettermen Hez Jackson (6-0, 240, sr.) and Jerome Heavens (5-9, 230, jr.) will duke it out for starting rights at fullback.

The offensive interior line boasts returning starters at all five positions. Junior Ben Beaudet (6-4, 295) is over the ball at center, and he's flanked by guards Ben Bruns (6-3, 305, jr.) and Ryan Gerke (6-4, 310, sr.), and tackles Bill Marsau (6-5, 305, sr.) and Marcel Howard (6-5, 310, so.). Ticketed as top reserves in the blocking corps are lettermen Josh Rank (6-4, 290, jr.) and Cory Hennen (6-4, 310, so.), sophomores Jared Bucksa (6-3, 280), Adam Sansale (6-3, 305) and Brian Donahue (6-4, 280), and JUCO transfers Scott Richard (6-4, 280, jr.) and DeAndre Harris (6-3, 370, jr.).

Defensively, the Cyclones were improved in every area last season, and they'll be even more improved this time around. Especially up front where the four-man trench is anchored by end Reggie Hayward (6-5, 250, jr.) and tackle James Reed (6-0, 280, jr.), who last year made a combined 147 tackles with 10 quarterback sacks. Also returning to his starting spot here is nose guard Ryan Harklau (6-3, 280, jr.), while 1998 co-regulars Kevin DeRonde (6-5, 270, so.) and Robert Brannon (6-3, 295, sr.) will share the flank post opposite Hayward. Providing strong support in the D-line once more will be end James Elmore (6-2, 250, sr.), tackle Nigel Tharpe (6-4, 295, jr.) and nose guard Clyde Sanders (6-2, 285, sr.).

Speedy senior Jesse Beckom (6-0, 215) is the ringleader of the linebacking corps. He made 76 tackles and four QB sacks while operating out of his OLB spot last year. Junior Ab Turner (6-0, 215) will again man the other outside backer post, with senior Dave Breka (6-2, 245) returning as the man in the middle. The top reserves in this area will be lettermen Jim Morse (6-1, 230, jr.), Eric Weiford (6-0, 215, jr.) and Andrew Moser (5-10, 230, so.).

The secondary is loaded with returning regulars and seasoned reserves. Making up the starting rotation once more are free safety Jeff Waters (6-2, 190, sr.), strong safety Dustin Avey (6-3, 210, jr.) and cornerbacks Breon Ansley (5-6, 175, jr.) and Jamarcus Powers (5-9, 175, sr.), and the leading backups in the deep zones are lettermen Jason Parrott (6-0, 195, sr.), Doug Densmore (5-10, 200, jr.), Javon Daniels (6-0, 175, sr.) and Ryan Sloth (5-8, 185, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Like last season, the Cyclones don't figure to finish on the plus side of .500 this year, but we wouldn't be surprised if they at least flirted with a winning record if their new quarterback is up to the mark. Even if he isn't, this team should have enough firepower on offense to equal or exceed its 1998 output of 337 yards and 20 points per game. And State's veteran stop

troops will definitely be more grudging than they were last season when they yielded averages of 409 yards and 30 points per outing. From our vantage point, we can foresee four or five wins for the well-coached Cyclones this season.

## South Division

### TEXAS A&M

(11-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
	Defense	8

The Aggies came up pretty big last season as they used a resourceful offense and a stingy defense to win 11 games and earn a berth in the Sugar Bowl. This time around, Head Coach R.C. Slocum will see to it that his charges use the same formula for what he believes will be bigger and better things as they strive to successfully defend their conference championship.

Offensively, the Aggies will be directed by senior quarterback Randy McCown (6-1, 210). As a co-regular last season, he completed 66 of 130 passes for 1,025 yards and six touchdowns, and he also ran for three scores. McCown will be supported by talented redshirt freshmen Vance Smith (6-5, 225) and Mark Farris (6-2, 220), as well as super frosh recruit Colby Freeman (6-3, 210), an accurate passer with an excellent set of wheels.

The Aggies have a lot of excellent wheels in their backfield with the return of starting RBs Dante Hall (5-8, 195, sr.) and JaMar Toombs (6-1, 235, so.), as well as co-regulars Eric Bernard (5-8, 190, sr.), D'Andre Hardeman (5-10, 235, sr.) and Burnest Rhodes (5-11, 195, jr.). This fivesome ran for a combined 1,668 yards and 15 touchdowns last year.

The receiving corps is headed by senior split end Chris Cole (6-0, 190), who made a team-leading 38 catches for 667 yards and five touchdowns last season. He'll be supported by senior Matt Bumgardner (6-1, 195), who caught nine passes for 173 yards and one TD in '98, while Leroy Hodge (6-2, 205, sr.) and Chris Taylor (5-10, 180, jr.) will again run 1-2 at flanker after snaring an aggregate 30 tosses for 520 yards and three scores last year. Strong-blocking junior letterman RoDerrick Broughton (6-2, 270) will take over at tight end where he'll be backstopped by heralded redshirt freshman Michael de la Torre (6-4, 240).

The offensive interior line welcomes back three starters — center Seth McKinney (6-3, 300, so.), guard Semisi Heimuli (6-2, 305, sr.) and tackle Andy Vincent (6-3, 305, sr.). Lettermen Chris Valletta (6-2, 310, jr.) and Shea Holder (6-5, 315, sr.) are first in line to fill the vacant guard and tackle slots, respectively, while backup support in the blocking corps will come from junior letterman Toby McCarthy (6-2, 290), sophomores Tango McCauley (6-4, 300) and Moses Vakalahi (6-5, 315), and highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Michael Mahan (6-6, 305), Chris Montgomery (6-8, 305), Taylor Whitley (6-5, 325) and Billy Yates (6-3, 285).

The strength of A&M's defense will be a three-man trench that returns every starter and all five backups. The first-teamers are nose guard Ron Edwards (6-3, 275, jr.) and ends Rocky Bernard (6-3, 275, jr.) and Ronald Flemons (6-5, 260, jr.), who last year made a combined 162 tackles, including 18 for minus yardage with seven quar-

### 1998 Texas A&M Final Statistics

	Texas A&M	Opp
Points per game	25	15
1st Downs	215	210
Rush Att	594	497
Rush Yards	1985	1582
Avg Rush	3.3	3.2
Pass Comp	137	208
Pass Att	262	374
Pass Yds	2071	2179
Had Int	5	15
Off Yds per game	312	289

### 1998 RESULTS

A. 31	vs Florida St	(+15)	W	14-23
S. 12	Louisiana Tech	(-22 1/2)	L	28-7
19	at S Mississippi	(-2 1/2)	W	24-7
26	N Texas	(-34 1/2)	L	25-9
O. 3	at Kansas	(-13 1/2)	L	24-21
10	Nebraska	(+11 1/2)	W	28-21
17	at Baylor	(-7)	W	35-14
24	Texas Tech	(-9)	L	17-10
31	at Oklahoma St	(-5)	W	17-6
N. 7	Oklahoma	(-19 1/2)	W	29-0
14	Missouri	(-6)	L	17-14
27	at Texas	(-2)	L	24-26
D. 5	vs Kansas St	(+17 1/2)	W	36-33
J. 1	vs Ohio St	(+12 1/2)	W	14-24

terback sacks. The top reserves back on duty here are lettermen Lonnie Madison (6-3, 260, so.), Evan Peroni (6-5, 290, jr.), Terry Nichols (6-0, 260, so.), Stephen Young (6-0, 275, jr.) and Mike Kazmierski (6-4, 275, sr.), and they recorded an aggregate 93 tackles last fall.

Junior OLB Roylin Bradley (6-1, 230) and junior ILB Cornelius Anthony (6-0, 230) will spearhead the four-man linebacking corps after combining for 181 tackles last year, 24 of which were for minus yardage with 13 quarterback sacks. Junior Jason Glenn (6-1, 230), who made 26 tackles with six for minus yardage in '98, will fill the vacant outside backer slot, with senior letterman Chad Frantzen (6-2, 225) the leading candidate to man the inside backer post opposite Anthony. Toiling as leading backups in this area will be five experienced lettermen — OLBs Christian Rodriguez (6-2, 240, so.) and Chris Thierry (6-2, 230, sr.), and ILBs Amon Simon (6-1, 235, so.), Sean Coryatt (6-0, 220, sr.) and Harold Robertson (6-2, 230, so.).

The ball-hawking secondary features three returning starters in free safety Brandon Jennings (6-1, 195, sr.) and cornerbacks Jason Webster (5-10, 180, sr.) and Sedrick Curry (6-2, 195, sr.). A year ago, they intercepted a combined nine passes and broke up a total of 18 other aerials. 1998 co-regular Michael Jameson (5-10, 185, jr.) will take over at strong safety, while A-A JUCO transfer Reggie Waddell (5-10, 175, jr.) will also be a key contributor in the deep zones, as will 1998 co-reg-

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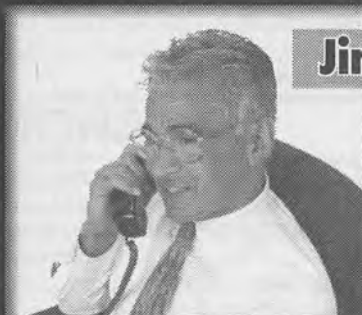


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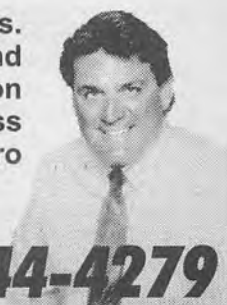
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ular Jay Brooks (5-9, 180, so.) and junior letterman Ronald Patton (5-9, 195).

The kicking game is solid with the return of punter Shane Lechler (6-2, 220, sr.) and place-kicker Russell Bynum (5-9, 180, jr.). Lechler averaged 43.6 yards per boot on 80 punts last season, while Bynum hit on 16 of 20 field goal tries and 30 of 31 extra point attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Aggies will attack their foes with a well-balanced offense that'll easily exceed its 1998 output of 312 yards and 25 points per game, while their stop troops will again be very difficult to penetrate either by land or air as they prove to be even more grudging than they were last season when they surrendered averages of 289 yards and 15 points per outing. All of which will add up to a double-digit victory total and another big-time bowl excursion!

## TEXAS

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	24
	Returning	40
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 4
		Defense 9

An explosive, well-balanced attack and a steadily improving defense proved to be a winning formula for Mack Brown's first Texas squad last year. And if Coach Brown can successfully rebuild his graduation-depleted offense, the Longhorns could easily equal or surpass their 1998 achievements. We think he can, and we believe they will!

A very big reason for the success of this team is sophomore quarterback Major Applewhite (6-1, 195), who was sensational as a redshirt freshman last season when he completed 159 of 273 passes (58.2%) for 2,453 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also hit on 15 of 26 passes for 225 yards and three TDs in UT's 38-11 Cotton Bowl win over Mississippi State on New Year's Day. Applewhite will be strongly supported by talented redshirt freshman Adam Dunn (6-5, 245) and super A-A frosh recruit Chris Simms (6-5, 220), the number one passer in the prep ranks last fall.

Junior flanker Kwame Cavil (6-2, 205) will

spearhead the receiving corps after catching 51 passes for 775 yards and three scores last season. Senior Ryan Nunez (5-9, 175), who snared 18 tosses in '98, will take over at split end, while junior letterman Jamel Thompson (6-0, 185) and speedy redshirt freshman Montrell Flowers (5-9, 175) are ticketed as top reserves at the two wide-out positions. Experienced lettermen Chad Irwin (6-3, 255, so.) and Chris Smith (6-5, 260, sr.) are first in line to fill the vacancy at tight end, where A-A frosh recruits Bo Scaife (6-4, 240) and Chad Stevens (6-4, 250) will also be heard from.

The incomparable Ricky Williams will no longer be carrying the mail for Texas, and his loss is beyond big! Getting first shot at manning the tailback post is junior Hodges Mitchell (5-7, 190), who ran for 111 yards and two scores on only 23 carries last fall. Challenging Mitchell for first string status will be speedy redshirt freshman Victor Ike (5-11, 190) and explosive frosh recruit Ivan Williams (6-1, 215), while strong-blocking senior Ricky Brown (6-0, 225) and sophomore Chris Robertson (6-1, 210) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

Coach Brown's biggest concern on this side of the ball is a blocking corps that lost four starters to graduation. This unit will be rebuilt on a foundation of returning starter Roger Roesler (6-5, 320, sr.) at guard and 1998-co-regular Leonard Davis (6-6, 360, jr.) at tackle. Junior letterman Marcel Blanchard (6-4, 310) is the heir apparent at center, while sophomore lettermen Antwan Kirk-Hughes (6-3, 325) and Matt Anderson (6-4, 315) are banging heads for the guard spot opposite Roesler, and fellow monogram winners Cory Quye (6-6, 325, jr.) and Mike Williams (6-6, 345, so.) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant tackle position. Also in the O-line picture as key backups are junior Joe Hubbard (6-4, 315), sophomore Corey Bradford (6-1, 300) and A-A frosh recruit Derrick Dockery (6-6, 335).

Defensively, the strength of the Longhorns is a four-man front wall that returns intact and is headed by big-play end Aaron Humphrey (6-3, 260, sr.), who last year made 74 tackles with 10 quarterback sacks and also had 24 QB pressures! Also back at their starting posts are end Cedric Woodard (6-3, 285, sr.) and tackles Casey Hampton (6-1, 305, jr.) and Shaun Rogers (6-4, 315, jr.), three other big-play types who last season recorded a combined 165 tackles, including 44 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks! 1998 co-regulars Jermain Anderson (6-3, 220, so.) and J.J. Kelly (6-2, 240, jr.) will again be heard from at end, while a couple of newcomers worth mentioning in this area are A-A frosh recruits Cole Pittman (6-5, 270) and Ryan Haywood (6-6, 290), who notched an aggregate 47 QB sacks as prepsters last season!

The second line of defense is anchored by middle linebacker DeAndre Lewis (6-1, 230, so.), a vicious run-stopper who made 77 tackles last year. Seniors Anthony Hicks (6-0, 235) and Aaron Babino (6-1, 225) will again run 1-2 at the strong-side backer spot after making a combined 86 tackles in '98, while sophomore letterman Marcus Wilkins (6-2, 225) should get the starting call at the weakside backer position. Also in the LB mix are sophomores Josh Spoerl (6-1, 245), Tyrone Jones (6-4, 230) and Everick Rawls (6-1, 225), as well as A-A frosh recruit Cory Redding (6-4, 240).

The secondary welcomes back three starters -- free safety Quentin Jammer (6-1, 185, jr.), strong safety Donald McCowen (6-0, 205, jr.) and cornerback Joe Walker (6-0, 180, jr.). 1998 part-time

starter Ervis Hill (5-9, 180, so.) will fill the vacant CB slot, while the leading backups in this area are lettermen Terrell Dillon (5-8, 175, sr.), Lee Jackson (6-3, 195, so.), Greg Brown (6-2, 200, jr.), Ahmad Brooks (5-8, 170, so.), Jon Wyndham (6-1, 190) and Chris Butcher (6-0, 195, sr.).

Junior placekicker Kris Stockton (5-9, 185) is the main man in a strong Texas kicking game. A year ago, he hit on 16 of 21 field goal tries and converted all 46 of his extra point attempts. The punting chores will be handled by senior Ryan Long (6-1, 190) and A-A frosh recruit Shane Hudnall (6-0, 180), both of whom can boot 'em a country mile!

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Will the Horns miss Ricky Williams? Can Superman fly?! Can this team be as good (or better!) than it was last season? Do cows give milk?! Simply stated, the Texas offense could be as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 471 yards and 36 points per game, and the Longhorn stop troops will be a lot tougher to penetrate than they were in '98 when they yielded averages of 364 yards and 30 points per outing. The Horns may not drink every time they go to the well this season, but they ain't gonna go dry very often!

## OKLAHOMA

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	52
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
		Defense 8

John Blake couldn't get it done in his three years as head coach of the Sooners, so he was given his walking papers at the end of the '98 season. Enter Bob Stoops, who had been assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Florida for the last three years. And he will get it done! And right away, too, because he has a plethora of talent to work with in preparing for the upcoming campaign.

Offensively, Oklahoma will have a much better passing attack this year thanks to the arrival of All-American JUCO transfer Josh Heupel (6-2, 210, jr.), who completed 153 of 258 passes (60%) for 2,308 yards and 28 touchdowns at Snow Junior College last season. Supporting Heupel at quarterback will be '98 regulars Jake Sills (6-0, 200, so.) and Patrick Fletcher (5-10, 170, jr.), who last year hit on a combined 54 of 115 passes for 796 yards and seven TDs with 10 interceptions.

Senior flanker Jerrell Jackson (5-9, 195) will head the receiving corps after making 12 catches for 218 yards last year. 1998 co-regular Ahmed Kabb (6-1, 190, jr.), who caught eight passes for 142 yards and three scores last season, will take over at split end, while lettermen Matt Anderson (6-3, 250, sr.) and Chris Hammons (6-3, 250, jr.) are expected to run 1-2 at tight end. Projected as top reserves at the WR positions are talented redshirt freshman Andre Woolfork (6-1, 185) and speedy frosh recruit Antwone Savage (6-1, 180).

On the subject of frosh recruits, super newcomer Jamar Mozee (5-11, 215) has all the equipment to be a superior tailback. He ran for over 5,000 yards and 72 touchdowns during his brilliant prep career. Also competing for the starting tailback job will be senior lettermen Michael Thornton (5-5, 190) and Reggie Skinner (5-8, 205), who ran for a total of only 129 yards last fall, while hard-running junior Seth Littrell (5-10, 200) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by lettermen Josh Norman (6-2, 230, so.) and Johnnie Balous (6-1,

### 1998 Texas Final Statistics

	Texas	Opp
Points per game	36	30
1st Downs	253	213
Rush Att	444	465
Rush Yards	2246	1578
Avg Rush	5.1	3.4
Pass Comp	188	153
Pass Att	318	295
Pass Yds	2931	2430
Had Int	12	7
Off Yds per game	471	364

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	New Mexico St	(-37)	L	66-36
12 at	UCLA	(+9)	L	31-49
19 at	Kansas St	(+24)	L	7-48
26	Rice	(-6 1/2)	W	59-21
O. 3	Iowa St	(-14)	W	54-33
10 vs	Oklahoma	(-8)	W	34-3
24	Baylor	(-17 1/2)	L	30-20
31 at	Nebraska	(+16 1/2)	W	20-16
N. 7	Oklahoma St	(-12)	L	37-34
14 at	Texas Tech	(-2 1/2)	L	35-42
27	Texas A&M	(+2)	W	26-24
J. 1	Mississippi St	(-6 1/2)	W	38-11



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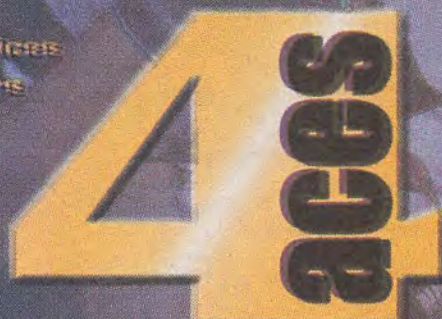
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## 1998 Oklahoma Final Statistics

	Oklahoma	Opp
Points per game	17	21
1st Downs	151	168
Rush Att	527	429
Rush Yards	2023	1332
Avg Rush	3.8	3.1
Pass Comp	79	125
Pass Att	183	265
Pass Yds	1209	1735
Had Int	16	9
Off Yds per game	294	279

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	N Texas	(-18)	W	37-9
12	at TCU	(-5 1/2)	L	10-9
19	California	(-3 1/2)	L	12-13
O. 3	Colorado	(+4)	W	25-27
10	vs Texas	(+8)	L	3-34
17	at Missouri	(+16 1/2)	W	6-20
24	at Oklahoma St	(+8 1/2)	L	26-41
31	Iowa St	(-7)	L	17-14
N. 7	at Texas A&M	(+19 1/2)	L	0-29
14	at Baylor	(+4)	W	28-16
21	Texas Tech	(+8)	W	20-17

230, sr.).

The blocking corps is a veteran unit that features returning starters at four positions. Stephen Burcham (6-4, 280, jr.) is over the ball at center, Scott Kempenich (6-5, 310, jr.) will line up at his tackle post, and the two guard positions will again be shared by Adam Carpenter (6-2, 305, jr.), Jason Bronson (6-3, 285, jr.) and Matt O'Neal (6-4, 290, sr.). Junior letterman Al Baysinger (6-4, 340) is first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot, while strong backup support in the O-line will come from senior lettermen Stockar McDougle (6-5, 355) and Jay Smith (6-3, 285), sophomore Will Mathis (6-5, 310), JUCO transfer Darren Riddles (6-3, 305, jr.) and heralded redshirt freshmen Mike Skinner (6-4, 320) and Brad Davis (6-3, 320).

On the stop side, OU's first line of defense will be anchored by three returning starters -- tackle Ryan Fisher (6-2, 280, jr.) and ends Darryl Bright (6-4, 275, jr.) and Cornelius Burton (6-5, 280, sr.), who last year made a combined 99 tackles, including 23 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. Junior letterman Corey Callens (6-2, 270) hopes to start at the tackle spot opposite Fisher, but we believe his hopes will be dashed by all-star JUCO transfer Ramon Richardson (6-4, 295, jr.). The top reserves in the D-line will be '98 lettermen Jeremy Wilson (6-1, 300, jr.), Frank Romero (6-3, 270, so.) and Greg Muhammad (5-11, 260, so.), as well as senior Sedric Jones (6-2, 260), a starter at linebacker in '97 who sat out last season.

The linebacking corps will be headed by returning starters Brandon Moore (6-2, 230, jr.) and Rocky Calmus (6-3, 235, so.), who made a combined 112 tackles last season. The third backer berth figures to be filled by super JUCO transfer Torrance Marshall (6-3, 245, jr.), while reserve support in this area will be provided by 1998 co-regular Michael Dulaney (6-1, 230, so.) and lettermen Armand Spence (6-0, 240, jr.) and Nick Simpson (6-0, 220, so.).

Junior strong safety Oteji Jones (5-9, 190) will spearhead the secondary. As a starter at outside linebacker last year, he made a team-leading 95 tackles, including 20 for minus yardage with five QB sacks! Also returning to their starting posts

here are free safety Rodney Rideau (6-1, 190, sr.) and cornerback Mike Woods (5-10, 190, sr.), with former regular Pee Wee Woods (5-8, 180, sr.) ticketed to fill the vacant cornerback slot. Toiling as key reserves in the deep zones will be senior lettermen Bill Bartee (6-2, 200) and Jason Joseph (5-11, 200), as well as redshirt sophomore Brent Jackson (5-10, 190).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** We have a hunch the Sooners are gonna do a lot of damage this season. With a stronger aerial arm at its disposal, OU's offense will definitely be more productive than it was a year ago when it averaged only 293 yards and 17 points per game, while the Oklahoma stop troops will be very stingy to enemy runners and passers alike. The Sooners don't figure to win the Big-12 Championship this year, but they do figure to have a helluva lot to say about who does!

## OKLA. STATE

(5-6-0) LETTERMEN Lost 14

Returning 36

STARTERS RETURNING Offense 7

Defense 6

The Cowboys didn't live up to our expectations of them last season, but they could easily do so this time around if Head Coach Bob Simmons is able to successfully rebuild his blocking corps and his defensive line. Coach Simmons recently told us that he believes he'll be successful in both regards. And we believe him!

The man who'll make the most of a strong blocking unit is junior quarterback Tony Lindsay (6-2, 195), who completed 97 of 196 passes for 1,442 yards and seven touchdowns last fall. He also ran for 592 yards and 10 TDs on only 89 carries (a 3.9 avg.)! Lindsay will be supported by senior letterman Chris Chaloupka (6-2, 220) and sophomore B.J. Tiger (6-3, 205), who looked very good during spring drills.

The receiving corps welcomes back three quality performers in tight end Marcellus Rivers (6-4, 240, so.) and wideouts Terrance Richardson (5-9, 180, sr.) and Ethan Howell (6-1, 180, jr.). A year ago, Rivers caught 22 passes for 335 yards and four touchdowns, while Richardson and Howell snared a combined 36 tosses for 688 yards and five TDs. Returning as top reserves at TE are lettermen Garrett Steggs (6-3, 240, sr.) and Sean Barry (6-4, 245, jr.), while the leading backups at WR should be JUCO transfer Paul Jones (6-3, 200, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Rashaun Woods (6-3, 200).

Alternating tailbacks Nathan Simmons (5-10, 200, sr.) and Jamal Fobbs (5-10, 185, jr.) will again spearhead OSU's running game. They ran for a combined 1,346 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Banging heads for starting rights at fullback are senior lettermen Jeremy Halferty (6-0, 230) and Kevin Brown (6-1, 260), both of whom have logged extensive duty in the past.

Up front, the offensive interior line will be rebuilt around two returning starters -- senior guard Adam Davis (6-4, 285) and junior tackle Josh Lind (6-6, 290), who may slide over to center. If Lind stays at tackle, the new starting center would be former regular Reynell Lavigne (6-1, 290, sr.). The leading candidates to fill the vacant guard and tackle slots are 1998 co-regular Andrew Golembiewski (6-5, 295, sr.) and heralded JUCO transfers Lawrence Chamberlain (6-4, 340, jr.), Kevin Kemp (6-6, 310, jr.) and Jon Vandrell (6-2, 290, jr.), while returning as reserves in the O-line

## 1998 Oklahoma State Final Statistics

	Okla. State	Opp
Points per game	28	27
1st Downs	201	182
Rush Att	550	409
Rush Yards	2249	1314
Avg Rush	4.1	3.2
Pass Comp	124	147
Pass Att	246	285
Pass Yds	1783	2315
Had Int	7	14
Off Yds per game	367	330

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Kansas	(-9)	W	38-28
12	at Tulsa	(-9)	L	20-35
19	Mississippi St	(-1)	W	42-23
O. 3	vs Nebraska	(+26)	W	17-24
10	at Texas Tech	(+3)	L	17-24
17	at Kansas St	(+21)	L	20-52
24	Oklahoma	(-8 1/2)	W	41-26
31	Texas A&M	(+5)	L	6-17
N. 7	at Texas	(+12)	W	34-37
14	SW Louisiana	(-37)	L	44-20
21	Baylor	(-14)	P	24-10

are senior Blaine Cook (6-3, 285) and sophomores Jason Johnson (6-3, 285) and Bryan Phillips (6-5, 295).

The strength of OSU's defense is a linebacking corps that welcomes back all three starters and a horde of super reserves. Leading the charge here are senior incumbents Kenyatta Wright (6-1, 240), Tarrell Knauls (6-1, 240) and Raymond Cato (6-1, 240), who last year made a combined 175 tackles, including 35 for minus yardage with 13 quarterback sacks. They'll again be supported by 1998 co-regulars Dwayne Levels (6-3, 230, so.) and Troy West (6-4, 225, jr.), as well as lettermen Justin Thomas (6-3, 245, jr.), Billy Stone (6-1, 245, sr.), Robbie Gillem (6-1, 220, so.), Joey Webb (6-1, 245, sr.) and Lindsay Sherrer (6-0, 230, sr.).

Senior tackle Cortney Mallory (6-1, 290), who had 19 tackles and four sacks to his credit last year, is the only starter returning to the four-man trench. 1998 co-regular Zak Akin (6-1, 280 jr.) should man the other DT post, while the two end positions will be fought for by big-play JUCO transfer Juqua Thomas (6-4, 250, jr.) and sophomore lettermen Tanner Bruce (6-4, 250) and Zac Warner (6-4, 275). Toiling as top reserves at tackle will be junior Eric Stevenson (6-4, 295) and sophomore Chris Tyler (6-2, 280).

The pacesetters in the secondary are strong safety Adam Edwards (6-0, 215, sr.) and cornerback Evan Howell (6-1, 185, sr.), who each picked off two passes last season. Senior letterman Chris Carter (6-3, 220) should take over at free safety, while the vacant cornerback position will be fought for by sophomore letterman Marcus Jones (5-9, 180) and all-star JUCO transfers Alvin Porter (6-0, 185, jr.) and Jacoby Shepherd (6-3,

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210, jr.), the latter of whom could also wind up at safety.

The kicking game is in very good shape with the return of punter Scott Elder (6-3, 205, so.) and placekicker Tim Sydnies (6-2, 200, sr.). A year ago, Elder averaged 41.9 yards per boot on 63 punts, while Sydnies hit on 15 of 18 field goal tries.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The well-coached Cowboys have a legitimate shot at winning their conference championship this season. Their offense will be very well-balanced and should easily surpass its 1998 output of 367 yards and 28 points per game, while their defense will again be tough to run on as it proves to be a bit stingier than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 330 yards and 27 points per outing. But no matter what the outcome of the Big-12 title race, this team will finish with a winning record while also contending for at least a minor bowl bid.

## TEXAS TECH

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	49
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	7

The Red Raiders used a well-balanced offense and a stingy defense to roll over seven of their foes while securing a berth in the Independence Bowl last season. And Head Coach Spike Dykes thinks his charges are capable of emulating their '98 achievements in 1999. And we think he's right!

Offensively, the man who makes Tech tick is senior quarterback Rob Peters (6-3, 230). Despite starting only seven games because of shoulder and thumb injuries, Peters completed 96 of 183 passes (52.5%) for 1,269 yards and nine touchdowns with just four interceptions last year. He'll be supported by redshirt freshman Kliff Kingsbury (6-4, 190), who threw for 3,009 yards and 34 TDs as a top prepster two years ago.

The receiving corps is very solid at tight end with the return of starter Kyle Allamon (6-3, 260, sr.) and co-regulars Tim Winn (6-4, 255, sr.) and Cole Roberts (6-6, 265, jr.). Allamon caught 14 passes for 276 yards and two scores in '98. Junior Derek Dorris (6-2, 195), who caught 28 passes for 395 yards and three touchdowns last fall, is back at flanker, while junior letterman Tim Baker (6-5, 205) will get the starting call at split end. The top reserves at the wideouts will be sophomore lettermen Darrell Jones (6-2, 200), Dee Jackson (6-2, 200), King Scovell (5-11, 175) and Justin Reed (6-0, 195), as well as speedy frosh recruit Carlos Francis (5-10, 180).

Tech's impressive stable of ball carriers is headed by junior tailback Ricky Williams (5-9, 190), who last year ran for a team-leading 1,582 yards and 13 touchdowns on 306 carries (a 5.2 avg.). He'll be backstopped by junior lettermen Rickey Hunter (5-11, 190) and James Easterling (5-10, 210), as well as super frosh recruit Shaud Williams (5-8, 180), who ran for 7,710 yards and 87 touchdowns during his brilliant prep career. Talented junior Jonathan Hawkins (5-11, 225) and senior Michael Wilborn (6-0, 240) are expected to run 1-2 at fullback again, but we expect both of them to play second fiddle to explosive senior Sammy Morris (6-0, 220), a former regular who sat out the last two seasons.

The offensive interior line is very good and very deep, and it's anchored by two All-Big 12 performers -- guard Curtis Lowery (6-5, 330, sr.) and tackle Jonathan Gray (6-5, 360, jr.). Also

## 1998 Texas Tech Final Statistics

	Texas Tech	Opp
Points per game	27	20
1st Downs	243	156
Rush Att	535	454
Rush Yards	2219	1308
Avg Rush	4.1	2.9
Pass Comp	151	125
Pass Att	286	256
Pass Yds	2230	1827
Had Int	10	10
Off Yds per game	405	285

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	UTEP	(-17 1/2)	W	35-3
12	at N Texas	(-22)	W	30-0
19	Fresno St	(-13 1/2)	L	34-28
26	at Iowa St	(-6 1/2)	W	31-24
O. 3	Baylor	(-12 1/2)	L	31-29
10	Oklahoma St	(-3)	W	24-17
17	at Colorado	(+5)	W	17-19
24	at Texas A&M	(+9)	W	10-17
31	Missouri	(-1 1/2)	L	26-28
N. 14	Texas	(+2 1/2)	W	42-35
21	at Oklahoma	(-8)	L	17-20
D. 31	vs Mississippi	(-9 1/2)	L	18-35

returning to his starting spot here is tackle Steve McFadden (6-4, 330, jr.), while 1998 co-regular Kyle Sanders (6-3, 310, jr.) and redshirted senior letterman Anthony Patricio (6-3, 300) are duking it out for starting rights at center. Senior letterman Dan Martin (6-4, 320) will fill the vacant guard slot, while strong backup support at guard and tackle will come from lettermen Shane Roberts (6-4, 310, sr.), Matt Heider (6-5, 315, so.), Lance Williams (6-2, 320, so.) and John DePasquale (6-4, 305, jr.), as well as talented sophomore Jason May (6-4, 305), heralded redshirt freshman J.J. Williams (6-5, 320) and powerful frosh recruit Rex Richards (6-5, 300).

Defensively, the Red Raiders will be led into battle by senior middle linebacker Kyle Shipley (6-2, 235), who last year made a team-leading 112 tackles. Senior Keith Cockrum (6-2, 220), who made 49 tackles as a co-starter at strong safety last fall, will start at outside linebacker this year, with the other OLB slot to be filled by 1998 co-regular Tim Duffie (5-11, 230, sr.), who made 46 tackles last season. The top reserves at linebacker will be promising sophomore Sam Hooks (6-4, 250) and junior lettermen Dorian Pitts (6-4, 220) and will Culpepper (6-2, 240).

Up front, the bellwethers of the four-man trench are end Taurus Rucker (6-1, 260, sr.) and tackle Kris Kocurek (6-5, 300, jr.), who made a combined 155 tackles last year. 1998 co-regular Devin Lemons (6-3, 230, jr.) will man the other flank post, while the nose tackle position is being fought for by senior letterman Terry Patton (6-2, 290) and super redshirt freshman Robert Wyatt (6-1, 290). Projected as top reserves in this area are redshirt freshman Aaron Hunt (6-3, 235) and sophomore Detwill Williams (6-3, 250), as well as big-play frosh recruit Lamont Anderson (6-4, 275).

The secondary welcomes back three starters -- all-star strong safety Reagan Bownds (5-10, 185, sr.), free safety John Norman (6-1, 210, jr.) and cornerback Oscar Solis (5-8, 190, sr.). 1998 co-regulars Anthony Malbrough (5-9, 185, sr.) and Antwan Alexander (6-0, 185, jr.) are duking it out for starting rights at the cornerback spot opposite Solis, while the number one backups in the deep

zones will be 1998 co-regular (at FS) Kevin Curtis (6-2, 200, so.) and junior lettermen Brian Giddens (5-11, 185), Mark Washington (5-11, 195) and Derrick Briggs (5-10, 170).

The kicking game will again be handled by placekicker Chris Birkholz (6-0, 190, jr.) and punter Brian Roberson (6-2, 190, sr.). A year ago, Birkholz hit on 16 of 21 field goal tries and all 23 of his PAT attempts, while Roberson averaged 39.3 yards per boot on 53 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Red Raiders have always given a great account of themselves under Spike Dykes -- and 1999 will be no exception! Tech's potent, well-balanced attack will surpass its 1998 output of 405 yards and 27 points per game, and its defense should be just as difficult to dent as it was a year ago when it allowed averages of 285 yards and 20 points per outing. This team may not win the Big-12 Championship, but neither will it fail to win at least as many games as it did last season!

## BAYLOR

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	37
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	11

A weak aerial arm and an even weaker ground game doomed the Bears to a losing record and a last place finish in the Big-12 last year. But the return of 18 starters and the addition of several talented newcomers has new head coach Kevin Steele hoping that Baylor can at least flirt with a winning record this season. And the Bears might do just that!

Senior quarterback Jermaine Alfred (6-1, 220) will try to improve on his performance last season when he completed 97 of 188 passes for 1,268 yards and only two touchdowns with seven interceptions. His backup, junior Odell James (6-3, 225), also was picked off seven times as he hit on 45 of 85 passes for 435 yards and one score. James does have a good set of wheels, though, as he demonstrated in 1998 when he ran for 282 yards and two TDs on 93 carries (a 3.0 avg.).

The receiving corps will have new starters at both wideout positions, with the leading candidates to man those posts being lettermen Andra Fuller (5-10, 175, so.), Mark Cogdill (6-1, 180, sr.), Martin Dossett (5-11, 175, jr.) and Kyle Staudt (6-2, 190, so.). Sophomore Andrew Obrioti (6-2, 240) is back at tight end where he'll again be supported by lettermen Don Arroyo (6-3, 250, sr.) and Brandon Thompson (6-2, 260, jr.).

Baylor's running backs are nothing to write home about, but we believe they'll be more productive in '99. Returning to their starting posts here are tailback Darrell Bush (5-8, 195, jr.) and fullback Derek Lagway (6-1, 250, jr.), who ran for a combined 692 yards and six touchdowns last year. They'll be backstopped by lettermen Elijah Burkins (5-7, 200, sr.) and Melvin Barnett (6-1, 250, so.), with further support coming from highly-regarded frosh recruits Keith Belton (6-0, 220), Chedrick Ricks (5-10, 195) and Jimmy Dalton (6-3, 240).

The blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Toby Summers (6-2, 275, sr.), guard Chris Watton (6-3, 310, sr.) and tackle Greg Jerman (6-5, 290, so.). Junior letterman Luke Nichols (6-4, 310) is first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot, while 1998 co-regulars Scott Childress



## 1998 Baylor Final Statistics

	Baylor	Opp
Points per game	18	29
1st Downs	179	239
Rush Att	439	490
Rush Yards	1214	2355
Avg Rush	2.8	4.8
Pass Comp	151	147
Pass Att	292	291
Pass Yds	1831	2499
Had Int	14	10
Off Yds per game	277	441

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	at Oregon St	(+7)	L	17-27
19	N Carolina St	(+4)	W	33-30
26	at Colorado	(+16)	W	16-18
O. 3	at Texas Tech	(+12 1/2)	W	29-31
10	Kansas	(-6)	W	31-24
17	Texas A&M	(+7)	L	14-35
24	at Texas	(+17 1/2)	W	20-30
31	at Notre Dame	(+14 1/2)	L	3-27
N. 7	Kansas St	(+31)	L	6-49
14	Oklahoma	(-4)	L	16-28
21	at Oklahoma St	(+14)	P	10-24

(6-4, 350, sr.) and Joe Jackson (6-2, 290, so.) are the leading candidates to man the guard post opposite Watton. Also expected to be heard from in the O-line are redshirted JUCO All-American Tyshaun Whitson (6-5, 310, jr.) and heralded redshirt freshmen Chad Crady (6-4, 290) and Everett Fraser (6-5, 300).

Defensively, the Bears will be much-improved

with all 11 starters back in the fold. The first line of defense is anchored by nose tackle Dwight Johnson (6-4, 285, sr.), who last year made 59 tackles, including 10 for minus yardage with five quarterback sacks. He's supported by junior letterman Ronald Smith (6-4, 310), while James Calvin (6-1, 290, sr.) and Ryan Gillenwater (6-1, 290, so.) will again run 1-2 at the tackle position. Sharing the two flank posts once more will be Justin Snow (6-3, 250, sr.), Eddrick Brooks (6-2, 250, sr.) and Charles Foster (6-1, 255, sr.), but one of them could be shunted aside by impressive JUCO transfer Billy Starnes (6-4, 280, jr.). Also in the D-line mix are sophomore David Armstrong (6-5, 290) and redshirt freshman John Craig (6-4, 285).

The linebacking corps is headed by senior OLB Jason Jackson (6-0, 235), who made 75 tackles with 10 for minus yardage last year. Junior McKinley Bowie (6-0, 240) is back at the other OLB position, while Kris Micheaux (6-1, 260, jr.) and Fred Rogers (6-1, 265, sr.) will again share starting duties at middle linebacker. 1998 co-regulators Andre Taylor (6-2, 240, sr.) and Jason Lary (5-11, 220, jr.) will also see plenty of action in this area, as will junior letterman Eric Clay (6-1, 240).

Junior cornerback Gary Baxter (6-1, 195) spearheads the secondary. A year ago, he led the team in interceptions (4) and pass breakups (18). The rest of the starting rotation is made up of strong safety Rodney Smith (6-0, 220, sr.), free safety Sean Armistead (5-10, 190, sr.) and cornerback Allen Pace (5-9, 170, jr.), while the top reserves in the deep zones are expected to be 1998 lettermen Robert Neal (5-9, 195, sr.), Daniel

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Wiltner (5-7, 175, jr.) and Darwin Scott (5-10, 195, jr.), as well as senior Curtis Henderson (5-9, 200), a former starter at safety who was sidelined by a knee injury last season.

Senior punter Kyle Atteberry (6-0, 175) is a big plus for this team. He averaged 43.3 yards per boot on 73 punts last year.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This team could be a helluva lot better than it was last season. Especially on defense where the Bears are bigger and stronger and will certainly be less yielding than they were in '98 when they were burned for averages of 441 yards and 29 points per game. Offensively, the Bears won't tree a lot more people than they did last season, but they will be a bit more proficient in scoring points and advancing the pig. All of which could add up to at least three or four Baylor wins this fall.

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9/12	at Florida	24-10	FL	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
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9/26	at Alabama	24-10	AL	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
10/3	at South Carolina	24-10	SC	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
10/10	at Mississippi State	24-10	MS	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
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11/21	at Missouri	24-10	MO	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
11/28	at Kansas	24-10	KAN	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/5	at Nebraska	24-10	NEB	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/12	at Iowa	24-10	IA	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
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12/26	at Illinois	24-10	IL	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
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1/9	at Indiana	24-10	IN	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
1/16	at Ohio State	24-10	OH	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
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10/8	at Texas Tech	24-10	TX	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
10/15	at Oklahoma	24-10	OK	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
10/22	at Missouri	24-10	MO	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
10/29	at Arkansas	24-10	AR	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
11/5	at Louisiana State	24-10	LA	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
11/12	at Texas Tech	24-10	TX	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
11/19	at Oklahoma	24-10	OK	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
11/26	at Missouri	24-10	MO	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/3	at Arkansas	24-10	AR	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/10	at Louisiana State	24-10	LA	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/17	at Texas Tech	24-10	TX	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/24	at Oklahoma	24-10	OK	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			
12/31	at Missouri	24-10	MO	W	First game of season	Overall Record: 13-0			

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## LOUISVILLE

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	11
	Returning	43
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	11

Head Coach John Smith's first season at the Louisville helm was richly rewarding as the Cardinals chalked up seven wins and secured a bowl bid in the process. But if you think the Cards exceeded expectations last year, we can honestly tell you that the best is yet to come. And it's gonna come this season!

Making sure that it does will be senior quarterback Chris Redman (6-3, 225), who was simply sensational last season when he completed 309 of 473 passes (65.3%) for 4,042 yards and 29 touchdowns! He also hit on 35 of 54 passes (64.8%) for 336 yards and one score against Marshall in the Motor City Bowl. Redman is strongly supported by junior Mike Watkins (6-4, 210), who completed 29 of 41 tosses (70.7%) for 456 yards and four TDs last fall.

The four-man receiving corps is a team strength and then some! Showing the way here is senior Ibn Green (6-2, 230), the nation's top pass-catching tight end for the last two seasons when, during that time, he caught 110 passes for 1,615 yards and 20 touchdowns! Sharing top billing with Green is senior wideout Arnold Jackson (5-8, 170), who last year caught a team-leading 90 passes for 1,165 yards and 10 touchdowns. Also returning to his wideout post is senior Lavell Boyd (6-3, 210), who snared 61 tosses for 804 yards in '98, while the third WR position will again be shared by Charles Sheffield (6-1, 195, sr.) and Zek Parker (5-10, 180, jr.), who caught a combined 73 passes for 1,126 yards and seven scores last season! Senior letterman Jason Jones (6-3, 260) offers backup support at tight end, while the top reserves at wide receiver will be A-A JUCO transfer Anthony Branch (5-10, 185, jr.) and senior let-

terman Brian McDonald (5-9, 180).

With Leroy Collins opting for an early exit (or entrance!) to the NFL, senior Frank Moreau (6-1, 225) should man the lone running back post. A former starter, Moreau ran for 307 yards and three TDs on only 43 carries (a 7.1 avg.) as a top reserve last fall. He'll be challenged by A-A JUCO transfer Eric Lockhart (6-1, 230, jr.), redshirt freshman Henry Miller (5-11, 210) and sophomore Tony Stallings (5-11, 210), a starter at outside linebacker last season.

The offensive interior line welcomes back four starters -- guards Josh Richardson (6-4, 295, sr.) and Joe O'Shaughnessy (6-1, 290, jr.) and tackles Mark Grivna (6-10, 340, sr.) and Anthony Byrd (6-5, 300, sr.). A-A JUCO transfer Jason Padgett (6-4, 300, jr.) will get the starting call at center, while the top reserves in the blocking corps will be lettermen Geoff McBarnett (6-4, 310, sr.), Aaron Dardzinski (6-1, 270, so.) and Rob Eble (6-6, 310), as well as JUCO transfer Scott Graham (6-4, 295, jr.) and promising redshirt freshmen Antoine Sims (6-3, 275) and Ariel Rodriguez (6-5, 330).

Defensively, the Cards were more generous than the Rescue Mission last season, but the return of all 11 starters plus an influx of talented redshirt freshmen and experienced JUCO transfers should add up to a lot of improvement on this side of the ball.

The four-man trench is anchored by senior end Otis Floyd (6-1, 230), who made 52 tackles with seven for minus yardage last year. Junior Matt Sexton (6-2, 255) is hunkered down at the other flank berth, and he and Floyd will be backstopped by speedy redshirt freshmen Devon Thomas (6-2, 240) and Michael Josiah (6-3, 250). The tackle slots are filled by seniors Mike Gantous (6-2, 295) and Derrick Kennedy (6-3, 280), and they'll be supported by lettermen Anthony Bonner (6-2, 275, jr.), Reggie Hargrove (6-3, 280, sr.) and Grant Johnson (6-1, 295, so.), as well as all-star JUCO transfers Donovan Arp (6-3, 280, jr.) and Kevin Kos (6-4, 275, jr.).

The linebacking corps is headed by juniors Bud Herring (6-3, 230) and Rashad Harris (6-2, 235), who finished 1-2 on the team tackle charts last season when they made a combined 233 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage. The third backer berth will be filled by junior Xavier Burrell (6-1, 225), who started at strong safety last year, while the top reserves at LB will be redshirt freshman Jeremy Collins (6-1, 230) and lettermen Chip Mattingly (6-2, 230, so.) and Craig Gotcher (6-0, 235, jr.).

All-star performer Antonio Roundtree (5-7, 185, jr.) and fellow junior Rashad Holman (5-11, 190) should be the anchors of the secondary from their cornerback posts after breaking up an aggregate 27 passes last year. Senior Courtney Dinkins (6-0, 205) is back at free safety, with 1998 co-regular Brian Gaines (5-7, 180, so.) and all-star JUCO transfer Corey Wallace (5-11, 200, jr.) having at it for starting rights at strong safety. Another all-star JUCO transfer, Mike White (5-10, 185, jr.), will also be heard from in the deep zones, as will lettermen Don Bibb (6-0, 185, sr.) and Justin Thomas (6-0, 190, so.)

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** It'll be bombs away when the Cards are on the attack

this fall as they'll use their potent aerial arm to ensure that Louisville's offense is just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged an astounding 560 yards and 40 points a game. And when you also consider that Louisville's defense will be tougher to penetrate than it was last year, you should easily conclude that the Cards will finish at or near the top of the Conference-USA standings this season. Which we have already concluded!

## HOUSTON

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	58
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	9

Watch out for the Cougars! With 18 starters back in the fold, plus the arrival of several outstanding JUCO transfers, Head Coach Kim Helton will be at the helm of the conference "sleeper" this season. In fact, the Cougars could be the team to beat in Conference-USA, especially if their secondary can put the clamps on opposing passers a helluva lot better than they did last season.

With that in mind, Coach Helton is switching to a 4-2-5 defensive alignment this year, and spearheading his new five-man secondary will be strong safety Micah Malone (6-2, 220, sr.), who made 51 tackles with three QB sacks while starting at OLB last fall. Returning to their starting posts in the deep zones are weak safety Mike James (6-0, 215, sr.), free safety David Williams (5-9, 170, jr.) and cornerbacks William Fields (5-7, 180, sr.) and Emile White (6-0, 215, jr.). Providing solid backup support in this area will be all-star JUCO transfers Hamin Milligan (6-2, 185, jr.) and William Pettis (6-1, 180, jr.), as well as redshirt freshman Ray Woods (6-1, 190) and lettermen Kenny Hill (5-8, 195, sr.), Jason Parker (5-9, 180, so.), Greg Holte (5-10, 185, so.), Fred Conley (5-9, 200, jr.) and Mike Zajac (6-0, 205, so.).

Manning the two linebacking posts will be incumbent headhunters Wayne Rogers (6-1, 235, jr.) and Jeremy Maxon (6-3, 240, sr.), who last year made a combined 124 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. They'll be supported by 1998 co-regular Arthur Gissendanner (6-1, 215, so.) and lettermen Sam Hairston (6-1, 240, jr.), Percy Forman (5-11, 225, so.) and Waymond Ervin (5-11, 220, so.), as well as JUCO transfers Carlos Gamble (6-1, 225, jr.) and Junior Ioane (6-2, 230, jr.).

Up front, the four-man trench will be anchored by senior tackles Adriano Belli (6-5, 285) and Mike DeRouselle (6-3, 300), who made a combined 118 tackles with six sacks last fall. All-American JUCO transfer Grover Thompson (6-5, 295, jr.) won a starting spot at end during spring drills, with senior letterman Ahmad Charles (6-1, 240) ticketed to fill the other flank berth. Strong

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### 1998 Louisville Final Statistics

	Louisville	Opp
Points per game	40	35
1st Downs	311	257
Rush Att	368	506
Rush Yards	1658	2626
Avg Rush	4.5	5.2
Pass Comp	338	177
Pass Att	515	315
Pass Yds	4498	2661
Had Int	15	10
Off Yds per game	560	481

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Kentucky	(+10)	L	34-68
12	at Utah	(+16 1/2)	L	22-45
19	at Illinois	(+6 1/2)	W	35-9
26	Boston College	(+6 1/2)	W	52-28
O. 3	Cincinnati	(-14)	W	62-19
10	at S Mississippi	(+6)	L	21-56
17	at Tulane	(+17)	W	22-28
24	Memphis	(-13)	L	35-32
31	W Kentucky	(NL)		63-34
N. 14	at E Carolina	(-3)	W	63-45
21	Army	(-10)	W	35-23
D. 23	vs Marshall	(-3 1/2)	L	29-48



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## 1998 Houston Final Statistics

	Houston	Opp
Points per game	23	29
1st Downs	221	223
Rush Att	412	436
Rush Yards	1572	1564
Avg Rush	3.8	3.6
Pass Comp	220	171
Pass Att	396	302
Pass Yds	2469	2486
Had Int	14	8
Off Yds per game	367	368

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at California	(+14 1/2)	W	10-14
12	Minnesota	(-3)	L	7-14
19	UCLA	(+27 1/2)	W	24-42
26	at Tennessee	(+27 1/2)	L	7-42
O. 3	Memphis	(-2)	W	35-14
10	Army	(-7)	L	28-38
24	at N Texas	(-7)	W	31-9
31	at E Carolina	(+6)	W	34-31
N. 7	S Mississippi	(+9)	W	15-21
14	at Cincinnati	(-10)	L	43-44
21	at Tulane	(+16)	L	20-48

backup support in the D-line will come from letterman T.J. Light (6-1, 270, sr.), Kevin Payne (6-4, 300, so.), Mike Knepper (6-2, 285, sr.), Jeremy Griffith (6-4, 285, so.) and Jonathan Pritchett (6-3, 250, so.), as well as redshirt freshman Rufus Williams (6-4, 295) and JUCO transfers Patrick James (6-2, 295, jr.) and Nikia Adderson (5-10, 285, jr.).

The Houston offense is guided by junior quarterback Jason McKinley (6-3, 210), who did a great job in his second season as a starter last year when he completed 218 of 386 passes (56.5%) for 2,437 yards and 18 touchdowns with 13 interceptions. He'll be backstopped by experienced senior lettermen Tyson Helton (6-2, 190) and Glenn Odell (6-2, 195).

The four-man receiving corps is headed by flanker Jerrian James (6-0, 180, sr.) and split end Orlando Iglesias (6-2, 215, jr.). A year ago, James caught a team-leading 80 passes for 931 yards and five touchdowns, while Iglesias snared 63 spirals for 772 yards and eight TDs. Junior lettermen Damien Montgomery (5-9, 170) and Kendall Williams (5-8, 180) will bang heads for starting rights at the slotback position, while senior Scott Regimbald (6-3, 250), who caught 21 passes for 223 yards and three scores in '98, is back at tight end where he'll be supported by strong-blocking junior letterman Ed Kelley (6-4, 255) and heralded JUCO transfer Travis Finch (6-3, 240, jr.).

Houston's ground game will again be powered by the 1-2-3 tailback punch of Ketric Sanford (5-

8, 205, sr.), Mike Green (5-11, 250, sr.) and Leif Penn (5-9, 200, so.), who ran for a combined 1,657 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Whenever the Cougars go with a two-RB formation, the fullback post will be shared by sophomore lettermen Tommie Baldwin (5-11, 230) and Kairon Hill (5-10, 230).

The offensive interior line is a team strength with the return of four starters -- center Jeff Medford (6-4, 295, sr.), tackle Josh Lovelady (6-3, 320, jr.) and guards Gregory Brown (6-1, 305, sr.) and Justin Stille (6-4, 310, sr.). Powerful sophomore letterman Jabari Beauford (6-4, 310) will take over at the tackle spot opposite Lovelady, while the key reserves in the blocking corps will be experienced lettermen Nathan Woodey (6-3, 285, jr.), Patrick Boatner (6-1, 300, so.), Drew Lowery (6-5, 290, so.) and Ryan Hendrickson (6-4, 320, jr.), as well as promising redshirt freshman Chris Wheeler (6-1, 305).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a very good football team that boasts a lot of front-line talent and excellent depth. Offensively, the Cougars will annex more real estate and score more points than they did a year ago when they averaged 367 yards and 23 points per game, and their defense will definitely be a lot more difficult to penetrate than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 368 yards and 29 points per game. You shouldn't be surprised if the Cougars finish at or near the top of their conference standings this season; in fact, you should be surprised if they don't!

## SOUTHERN MISS

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	45
	STARTERS RETURNING Offense	4
	Defense	8

With five consecutive winning seasons and back-to-back bowl trips under their belts, Head Coach Jeff Bower and his Golden Eagles are looking for bigger fish to fry this time around. But if that's to happen, Coach Bower needs to find a new starting quarterback while also rebuilding a blocking corps that had four starters walk the graduation plank. Good luck!

Getting first shot at filling the very big shoes of graduated QB Lee Roberts is sophomore Jeff Kelly (6-2, 205), who backstopped Roberts last fall, and fellow sophomore Brian Balazik (6-1, 200), who sat out last season after lettering as a freshman two years ago. But the man we believe will be under center when the opening whistle blows in '99 is redshirted JUCO transfer Cable Davis (6-3, 225, jr.), who threw for more than 4,800 yards and 47 touchdowns during his two-year junior college career.

The four-man receiving corps is headed by outstanding wideouts Sherrod Gideon (6-0, 180, sr.) and Todd Pinkston (6-2, 175, sr.). A year ago, Gideon caught a team-leading 66 passes for 1,186 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Pinkston snared 52 spirals for 848 yards and seven TDs. Sophomore Danyne Fowler (5-11, 175) and JUCO transfer Shawn Mills (6-0, 180, jr.) are first in line to fill the third WR slot, while sophomore letterman Orlando Dantzler (6-4, 260) and A-A JUCO transfer Kendrick Key (6-5, 270, jr.) are duking it out for starting rights at tight end.

The lone running back post is manned by sophomore Derrick Nix (6-1, 225), who last year ran for a team-best 1,180 yards and nine touchdowns on 226 carries (a 5.2 avg.). He'll again be

## 1998 Southern Miss Final Statistics

	Southern Miss	Opp
Points per game	32	18
1st Downs	219	192
Rush Att	408	467
Rush Yards	1615	1787
Avg Rush	4.0	3.8
Pass Comp	193	165
Pass Att	339	299
Pass Yds	2762	1903
Had Int	11	10
Off Yds per game	398	336

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Penn St	(+8 1/2)	L	6-34
19	Texas A&M	(+2 1/2)	L	6-24
26	SW Louisiana	(-34 1/2)	W	55-0
O. 3	at Tulane	(+3)	L	7-21
10	Louisville	(-6)	W	56-21
17	at Army	(-10)	W	37-13
24	E Carolina	(-10)	W	41-7
31	at Alabama	(-3)	L	20-30
N. 7	at Houston	(-9)	L	21-15
14	Memphis	(-18 1/2)	W	45-3
21	at Nevada	(-10)	W	55-28
D. 30	vs Idaho	(-17)	L	35-42

supported by sophomore Dawayne Woods (5-9, 195), who ran for 426 yards and seven scores in '98. Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt around its lone returning starter -- senior guard Shederick Blackmon (6-6, 330). Sophomore letterman Tre Chambers (6-4, 290) should take over at the other guard spot, while A-A JUCO transfer Billy Clay (6-4, 285, jr.) and sophomore letterman Ernie Moore (6-5, 270) are the projected starters at the two tackle positions. Another A-A JUCO transfer, Dennis Evans (6-3, 285, jr.), and redshirt freshman Zeb Landers (6-3, 275) are the leading candidates to take over at center.

Defensively, the Golden Eagles are very strong up front, where all four starters and every key reserve are back in the fold. Spearheading this unit are big-play ends Adaluis Thomas (6-4, 260, sr.) and Cedric Scott (6-5, 265, jr.), who last year made a combined 137 tackles, including 22 quarterback sacks! Manning their tackle posts once more are juniors John Nix (6-2, 285) and DeQuincy Scott (6-2, 280), and the leading back-ups in the D-line are lettermen Gerald Mumford (6-3, 270, jr.), Daleroy Stewart (6-3, 300, jr.), Marvin Brown (6-1, 230, sr.) and Deric Scott (6-3, 265, jr.).

The linebacking corps is also a team strength, and it's headed by all-star performers T.J. Slaughter (6-2, 240, sr.) and Ty Trahan (6-1, 230, sr.), who ranked 1-2 on the team tackle charts last season when they recorded a combined 258 stops, including 25 for minus yardage with eight QB sacks. 1998 co-regular Roy Magee (6-2, 220, so.) will fill the third backer slot, while the top reserves in this area are experienced lettermen Anthony Chapman (5-11, 215, jr.), Royal Bell (6-0, 235, sr.), Zaid Houston (6-2, 225, jr.) and Jimmy Holloway (6-2, 240, so.).

The secondary needs a little repair work since it welcomes back only two starters -- cornerback Terrance Parrish (5-11, 190, sr.) and strong safety Leo Barnes (6-0, 185, jr.). Redshirted JUCO A-A Joey Pinkston (6-0, 180, jr.) is ticketed to take over at free safety, while converted wide receiver Raymond Walls (5-10, 180, jr.) is expected to get the starting call at the CB spot opposite Parrish. Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones

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will be JUCO transfer Dameon McCray (6-0, 185, jr.) and letterman David Verdell (6-3, 200, jr.), Daryon Brutley (5-11, 185, so.), Chad Williams (5-11, 190, so.), Larry Taylor (5-11, 180, sr.), Byron Gill (5-10, 180, jr.) and Keon Moore (5-11, 185, jr.).

Senior punter Jamie Purser (6-0, 195) should be considered a plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 41.3 yards per boot on 51 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** If the Golden Eagles hope to reign supreme in Conference-USA this season, their rebuilt offense needs to step up with a performance on par with their '98 counterpart that averaged 398 yards and 32 points per game. And while we're not sure that the attack force can measure up to those standards, we are more than sure that the Southern Miss stop troops will be stingier than they were a year ago when they allowed averages of only 336 yards and 18 points per outing. Which is the primary reason why we're certain that the Golden Eagles will equal or surpass their 1998 win total.

## TULANE

(12-0-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	39
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
	Defense	3

Chris Scelfo is stepping into some very big shoes as successor to departed Head Coach Tommy Bowden. But Scelfo's pedigree suggests he won't have much trouble filling them, although another undefeated season seems very unlikely for Tulane this year.

What does seem likely is that the Wave's new starting quarterback will emulate the exploits of graduated standout Shaun King, who'll be playing for pay in the NFL this season. Getting first shot at replacing King is strong-armed sophomore letterman Patrick Ramsey (6-3, 225), but the man we believe will wind up under center is explosive redshirt freshman Derrick Joseph (6-0, 190), an excellent runner and passer who accounted for 7,420 yards and 92 touchdowns during his illustrious high school career.

### 1998 Tulane Final Statistics

	Tulane	Opp
Points per game	45	24
1st Downs	294	236
Rush Att	477	431
Rush Yards	2226	1870
Avg Rush	4.7	4.3
Pass Comp	230	205
Pass Att	339	359
Pass Yds	3352	2863
Had Int	6	14
Off Yds per game	507	430

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Cincinnati	(-3)	W	52-34
12	at SMU	(-7)	W	31-21
26	Navy	(-21 1/2)	L	42-24
O. 3	S Mississippi	(-3)	W	21-7
17	Louisville	(-17)	L	28-22
24	at Rutgers	(-19)	W	52-24
31	SW Louisiana	(-37)	W	72-20
N. 7	at Memphis	(-16)	L	41-31
14	at Army	(-16)	L	49-35
21	Houston	(-16)	W	48-20
26	Louisiana Tech	(-12 1/2)	W	63-30
D. 31	vs Brigham Young	(-6 1/2)	W	41-27

The receiving corps is headed by senior wide-out JaJuan Dawson (6-1, 200), who last year caught 68 passes for 947 yards and 12 touchdowns. Sharing the other WR post will be 1998 co-regular Kerwin Cook (6-0, 175, jr.) and speedy junior letterman Adrian Burnett (5-10, 185), who caught a combined 35 passes for 594 yards and six TDs last fall. Also in the WR mix are lettermen John Wilson (5-5, 170, jr.), Zander Robinson (5-9, 175, so.) and Terrell Harris (5-11, 185, so.), while strong-blocking senior Mike Turner (6-2, 250) returns at tight end where he'll again be supported by sophomore letterman Joseph Akin (6-2, 240).

The wheelhorse of Tulane's running game is junior tailback Toney Converse (5-8, 170), who last year ran for a team-leading 871 yards and seven touchdowns while splitting TB duties with the now-graduated Jamaican Darte. Converse will be backstopped by sophomore letterman Genario Reshard (5-6, 185), while hard-nosed senior Okie Woods (5-11, 230) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by redshirt freshman J.W. Bulger (6-0, 210).

The offensive interior line stacks up as a team strength with the return of four starters -- center Kapua Conley (6-2, 295, sr.), tackle Bernard Robertson (6-4, 290, jr.) and guards Jerry Godfrey (6-3, 295, sr.) and Corey Sewell (6-2, 270, so.). 1998 co-regular Charles Caldwell (6-3, 290, so.) will get the starting call at the tackle spot opposite Robertson, while the primary reserves in this area will be lettermen Torie Tauli (6-0, 260, so.), Chrys Bullock (6-3, 315, so.) and Bryson Westbrook (6-2, 275, jr.), as well as promising redshirt freshman Derick Bugg (6-3, 290).

On the other side of the ball, Coach Scelfo will burn a lot of midnight oil in trying to rebuild a defense that lost eight starters to graduation. A good place to start is at linebacker where junior Jerry Phillips (5-11, 235) and senior Sedric Clemens (5-10, 220) hold forth. A year ago, they made a combined 164 tackles, including 14 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regulars Noel Ellis (6-1, 240, jr.) and Kevin Dukes (5-11, 210, sr.) are eying the third backer berth, but so is junior Derrick Perry (6-0, 225), a starter in '97 who sat out last season. Expected to be key reserves in this area are sophomore letterman David Dorsey (6-1, 220) and redshirt freshman Allen Davis (6-2, 230).

Up front, the D-line lost all four starters and will be reconstructed around junior tackle Mitch Mouton (6-4, 275), a '98 co-regular who made 27 tackles and two QB sacks last year. Big-play redshirt freshman Roxie Shelvin (6-3, 270) is first in line to man the other tackle post, while lettermen Ryan Brewer (6-4, 255, so.) and Brent Hamilton (6-4, 240, jr.) are expected to start at the two end positions. Also pushing for playing time in the trench will be junior lettermen Cory Green (6-3, 230), Glenn Lemoine (6-4, 250), Matthew Glapion (6-5, 275) and Dominick Crockett (6-2, 290), as well as redshirt freshmen Kenan Blackmon (6-5, 250) and Percy Branon (6-2, 280).

Junior free safety Sam Knight (5-11, 185) is the only starter returning in the secondary. He'll again be supported by part-time starter Meldon Barnes (5-11, 190, so.), while 1998 co-regular Tim Carter (6-0, 185, jr.) is a cinch to start at one cornerback spot. First in line to fill the vacant strong safety and cornerback slots, respectively, are junior lettermen Corey Jones (5-11, 200) and Allen Phillips (5-11, 190), while the top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen Jamal Jones (5-11, 180, so.), Ky Joseph (5-9, 170, jr.) and

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Delando Davis (6-2, 200, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** How do you improve on perfection? Obviously, you don't! But don't start feeling too sorry for the Green Wave just yet. This is a football team with a lot of talent on hand, especially on offense where the Wave will be rolling over a lot of people again this season. So if the rebuilt stop troops are up to the mark, Tulane could successfully defend its Conference-USA Championship. Whatever happens in that regard, the Green Wave will win at least seven or eight games while securing another bowl bid.

## ARMY

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	33
	Returning	36
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 3
	Defense	8

If it's what's up front that really counts in football, then the Cadets could have a few problems this season because their offensive line was almost completely wiped out by graduation. And Head Coach Bob Sutton may not have enough good pieces to put into all those empty places!

What Coach Sutton does have on this side of the ball are several very good skill position people led by talented quarterback Joe Gerena (6-1, 210), who was very impressive as a co-regular last fall when he ran and passed for a total of 630 yards and seven touchdowns. Supporting him will be promising sophomore Chad Jenkins (5-11, 185), who operates Army's option attack extremely well and possesses many of the same qualities that Gerena displays.

Lining up behind Gerena once more will be



## 1998 Army Final Statistics

	Army	Opp
Points per game	23	30
1st Downs	206	221
Rush Att	610	458
Rush Yards	3232	1911
Avg Rush	5.3	4.2
Pass Comp	61	174
Pass Att	133	304
Pass Yds	830	2670
Had Int	8	12
Off Yds per game	369	417

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	Miami, OH	(+7)	W	13-14
19	Cincinnati	(+2)	W	37-20
26	at Rutgers	(-9 1/2)	L	15-27
O. 3	at E Carolina	(+13)	W	25-30
10	at Houston	(+7)	W	38-28
17	S Mississippi	(+10)	L	13-37
24	at Notre Dame	(+25)	W	17-20
N. 7	Air Force	(+13)	L	7-35
14	Tulane	(+16)	W	35-49
21	at Louisville	(+10)	L	23-35
D. 5	vs Navy	(-6)	L	34-30

senior halfback John Johnson (5-9, 195), a dependable ball carrier who ran for 251 yards in '98. Strong-blocking senior Reno Ferri (5-9, 210) will start at the other halfback position, with senior letterman Brandon Rooney (5-8, 195) also expected to be a big contributor at the HB posts. Explosive junior Michael Wallace (5-11, 235), who ran for 224 yards and two TDs as a co-regular last year, will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by powerful sophomore Alton McCallum (6-0, 245).

The split end position is in good shape with the return of seniors Grady Jett (5-11, 185) and Gary Williams (5-11, 195), who caught a combined 25 passes in '98, while 1998 co-regular Shaun Castillo (6-1, 235, sr.) and sophomore Clint Dodson (6-3, 240) are ticketed to run 1-2 at tight end.

Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt around its lone returning starter -- senior guard Mark Prehar (6-3, 275). He'll be backstopped by sophomore Dustin Plumadore (6-2, 285), while junior Josh Gonzalez (6-2, 290) and senior Brian Demcher (6-1, 290) are expected to run 1-2 at the other guard spot. Converted defensive tackle Mike Larkin (6-4, 270, jr.) is a cinch to man one tackle post, while senior letterman Randy Overstreet (6-2, 295) and talented sophomore Paul Henderson (6-3, 275) are having at it for starting rights at the other tackle position. Taking over as the starting center is junior Brandon Calhoun (6-1, 250), and he'll be supported by sophomore Nolan Gordon (6-2, 270).

Defensively, Army's strength is at linebacker where the three starting posts are manned by returning regulars Lyle Weaver (5-11, 230, jr.), Nate Hunterton (6-0, 225, sr.) and Adisa King (6-3, 225, sr.). A year ago, Weaver made a team-leading 118 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage with four quarterback sacks, while Hunterton and King recorded an aggregate 117 stops. The top reserves at LB will be lettermen Brandon Kelley (6-0, 225, sr.) and Wes Greenwood (6-0, 230, so.), who made a total of 32 tackles last fall.

The four-man front will be in good shape with the return of three starters -- tackle David Hageman (6-2, 260, sr.), end Ron Sporer (6-1, 245, jr.) and nose guard Scott Kozak (6-3, 275, sr.), who

last year made a combined 127 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage with five QB sacks. Junior letterman Zach Hurst (6-3, 245) will fill the vacant end slot, while backup support in the D-line will come from senior letterman Brian King (6-2, 250) and promising sophomores Chris Curran (6-1, 255), John Kelley (6-2, 270) and Brandon Perdue (6-2, 230).

Spearheading the secondary will be returning starters Tony Coaxum (5-10, 185, sr.) and Derick McNally (6-2, 195, jr.) at cornerback and strong safety, respectively. A year ago, they intercepted a combined five passes and broke up a total of 17 other spirals. Senior letterman Clay Daniels (5-11, 195) and exciting sophomore Brian Zickefoose (5-10, 200) are expected to run 1-2 at free safety, while sophomore letterman Brent Dial (6-0, 185) and 1998 co-regular Andrew Burke (5-8, 170, jr.) are banging helmets for starting rights at the cornerback post opposite Coaxum.

A big plus for Army is the return of All-Conference USA punter Graham White (5-10, 180, sr.), who averaged 44.7 yards per kick on 47 punts last season.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Because of an offensive line that may be a bit weaker than it was a year ago, Army's run-oriented attack force may have difficulty in matching its 1998 output of 369 yards and 23 points per game. And that could mean real trouble for this team since its defense, though expected to be better than it was last season, is not strong enough to offset a lot of offensive shortcomings. We may be wrong -- and we sincerely hope we are! -- but Army appears destined to finish its '99 campaign with another losing record. But whoever engages the disciplined, well-coached Cadets in combat will know they've been in a real war! Go Army!!

## EAST CAROLINA

(6-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	45
	STARTERS RETURNING	6
	Offense	6
	Defense	6

Steve Logan's Pirates parlayed an improved ground game and a very productive passing attack into another winning record last season. And they hope to use the same formula for similar success this year. They will, however, be going up against a tougher schedule than they faced in '98, so they'll also need a stronger defense in order to stay on the plus side of .500.

Coach Logan is going with a new scheme (3-4) on the stop side this season. Leading the defensive charge are inside linebackers Jeff Kerr (6-4, 245, sr.) and Pernell Griffin (6-3, 245, so.), who finished 1-2 on the team tackle charts last year when they made a combined 214 tackles. They'll again be supported by 1998 co-regulars Eric Reyes (6-2, 240, jr.) and Clenton Cochran (6-2, 240, jr.), while the outside backer posts will be manned by '98 starter Marc Yellock (6-4, 240, jr.) and junior letterman Bernard Williams (6-4, 250). The top reserves at OLB will be lettermen Rashan Burns (6-4, 250, jr.) and Kevin Ward (6-2, 230, so.).

The three-man trench will be anchored by senior tackle Norris McCleary (6-4, 300), who last year made 57 tackles with six QB sacks. He'll be backstopped by junior letterman Chris Howell (6-3, 285), while fellow monogram winners Tomha McMillan (6-3, 270, sr.) and Devone Claybrooks (6-3, 280, jr.) are having at it for starting rights at

## 1998 East Carolina Final Statistics

	East Carolina	Opp
Points per game	25	27
1st Downs	213	222
Rush Att	454	511
Rush Yards	1658	2107
Avg Rush	3.7	4.1
Pass Comp	199	158
Pass Att	319	286
Pass Yds	2593	2029
Had Int	12	15
Off Yds per game	387	376

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Virginia Tech	(+9 1/2)	L	3-38
12	Tenn-Chatt.	(NL)		31-0
19	at Ohio	(-1 1/2)	W	21-14
O. 3	Army	(-13)	L	30-25
10	Alabama-Birm.	(-14)	W	26-7
17	at Alabama	(+9 1/2)	W	22-23
24	at S Mississippi	(+10)	L	7-41
31	Houston	(-6)	L	31-34
N. 5	at Cincinnati	(-14)	L	24-21
14	Louisville	(+3)	L	45-63
21	at Memphis	(+2)	W	34-31

the other tackle position. And two more lettermen, Kwabena Green (6-1, 260, sr.) and Mbayo Ahmadi (6-1, 275, jr.), are ticketed to run 1-2 at nose guard.

The secondary welcomes back two starters in senior cornerbacks Forrest Foster (5-10, 180) and Kevin Monroe (6-1, 185). A year ago, they each intercepted four passes while breaking up a total of 20 enemy aeriels. Lettermen Chris Satterfield (5-11, 195, jr.) and Travis Mazyck (6-2, 190, so.) will fill the vacant strong safety and free safety slots, respectively, while the leading backups in the deep zones will be lettermen Antwaun Cook (5-11, 175, jr.) and Charlie Robinson (6-0, 180, so.), as well as promising redshirt freshmen Antwan Adams (5-11, 180), Erik Hines (5-11, 180) and Antwan Yelverton (6-0, 195).

East Carolina's offense is piloted by sophomore quarterback David Garrard (6-3, 240), who was very impressive as a redshirt freshman last season when he completed 157 of 255 passes (61.6%) for 2,091 yards and 14 touchdowns with only seven interceptions. He also ran for 164 yards and two more scores. Garrard is strongly supported by junior Bobby Weaver (6-0, 190), who hit on 37 of 55 passes (67.3%) for 410 yards and four TDs last fall; and he also ran for two touchdowns.

The four-man receiving corps is headed by senior flanker Lamont Chappell (6-1, 185), who last year caught 36 passes for 584 yards and six touchdowns. The other two wideouts will be '98 starter Marcellus Harris (5-10, 180, jr.) and sophomore letterman Arnie Powell (6-4, 215), who snared a total of 31 passes last fall, while talented sophomores Marcus Bryson (6-4, 250) and Corey Floyd (6-2, 250) are expected to run 1-2 at tight end. Toiling as top reserves at the WR spots will be A-A JUCO transfer Keith Stokes (5-8, 180, jr.) and sophomore letterman Aaron Harris (6-2, 190) and Delayo Dodd (6-4, 220).

Junior Jamie Wilson (6-1, 210) and sophomore Leonard Henry (6-1, 205) are back to share the lone running back position. They ran for a combined 1,281 yards and eight touchdowns last season. Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back two starters in guard Sherwin Lacewell (6-2, 295, jr.) and tackle Samein Jones (6-3, 300, jr.). 1998



co-regular Derrick Gamble (6-4, 295, sr.) will man the tackle post opposite Jones, while junior letterman Anthony Nobles (6-6, 330) is a cinch to start at center. Sophomore lettermen Aaron Walker (6-3, 295) and Chris Nelson (6-4, 300) are first in line to fill the vacant guard slot, while heralded redshirt freshmen Senter Currin (6-5, 295) and Phoenix Evans (6-5, 305) will also figure prominently in the O-line mix.

Senior punter Andrew Bayes (6-3, 210) is a big plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 42.9 yards per boot on 64 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** East Carolina's strong suit this season will be a well-balanced attack that figures to equal or exceed its 1998 output of 387 yards and 25 points per game. But how well the defense performs will dictate to a very large extent whether or not the Pirates can scale the .500 barrier while engaging a lot of very tough foes in battle. Although this team stands a good chance of winning more games than it loses in 1999, it's a prospect we wouldn't care to bet on. Neither, however, would we care to bet against it!

## MEMPHIS

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	42
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
		Defense 7

The Tigers were done in by an uncharacteristically generous defense last season as they stumbled to their worst record in nine years. Head Coach Rip Scherer is hopeful that the return of 15 starters plus some heralded newcomers will add up to a much better showing by his charges this season. And it will -- but it won't be good enough to make Memphis a serious contender for conference honors.

Doing his best to try to prove us wrong will be sophomore quarterback Neil Suber (6-1, 230), who last year completed 61 of 124 passes for 930 yards and five touchdowns with four interceptions. He'll again be supported by juniors Stephen Galbraith (6-0, 205) and Kenton Evans (6-3, 205), who threw for a combined 1,108 yards and five TDs with eight interceptions last fall.

The receiving corps is headed by senior flanker

1998 Memphis Final Statistics		
	Memphis	Opp
Points per game	21	31
1st Downs	184	244
Rush Att	396	447
Rush Yards	1534	1918
Avg Rush	3.9	4.3
Pass Comp	147	224
Pass Att	320	370
Pass Yds	2055	3090
Had Int	12	8
Off Yds per game	326	455

1998 RESULTS		
S. 5	at Mississippi (+10)	L 10-30
12	Mississippi St (+10 1/2)	W 6-14
19	at Minnesota (+3 1/2)	L 14-41
O. 3	at Houston (+2)	L 14-35
10	Arkansas (+17 1/2)	W 9-23
17	Cincinnati (-10 1/2)	W 41-23
24	at Louisville (+13)	W 32-35
31	Arkansas St (-12)	W 35-19
N. 7	Tulane (+16)	W 31-41
14	at S Mississippi (+18 1/2)	L 3-45
21	E Carolina (-2)	L 31-34

Damien Dodson (5-9, 170), who caught a team-leading 42 passes for 753 yards and two scores last season. Junior Al Sermon (6-4, 190), who snared eight tosses in '98, figures to start at split end, while the top reserves at the wideouts should be senior letterman Ken Coutain (6-2, 210) and redshirt freshman Chance Nesbitt (6-1, 185). Sophomore Billy Kendall (6-5, 235), who caught 19 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns last fall, is back at tight end where he'll be backstopped by heralded redshirt freshman Jeff Cameron (6-4, 230).

Memphis enjoys the luxury of having two outstanding tailbacks in seniors Gerard Arnold (5-8, 195) and Teofilo Riley (6-0, 215). A year ago, Arnold ran for 1,059 yards and six touchdowns on 208 carries (a 5.1 avg.), while Riley raced for 485 yards and six scores on 78 totes (a 6.2 avg.). Senior Jeremy Scruggs (5-11, 225) returns at fullback where he's supported by senior lettermen Brandon Tucker (5-10, 225) and Rashad Bailey (5-11, 220).

The offensive interior line welcomes back three starters -- tackle David Sherrod (6-5, 320) and guards Tim Seymour (6-2, 295, sr.) and Artis Hicks (6-4, 290, so.). Sophomore Jason Austin (6-4, 300) and junior DeCorye Hampton (6-8, 320) are the leading candidates to fill the vacant center and tackle slots, respectively, while the top reserves in the O-line will be experienced lettermen Lou Esposito (6-5, 325, sr.) and Tavares Middlebrooks (6-3, 320, sr.), as well as sophomore Josh Earle (6-2, 275) and redshirt freshmen Matt Gehrke (6-3, 285) and Baki Celaj (6-5, 295).

Defensively, the Tigers are strongest at linebacker where all three starters plus three co-regulars are back in the fold. The three frontliners are MLB Kamal Shakir (6-0, 230, jr.) and OLBs Caspor Stiles (6-0, 225, sr.) and DeMorrio Shank (5-11, 230, jr.), who made a combined 211 tackles last fall, and the three leading backups are Mike Boatman (6-1, 230, sr.), Corey Irby (5-10, 225, sr.) and Ian Williams (6-4, 235, jr.), who recorded a total of 95 tackles in '98.

Up front, the four-man trench is anchored by tackle Calvin Lewis (6-3, 280, jr.) and end Tramont Lawless (6-3, 240, sr.), who last year made a combined 79 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Marcus Bell (6-2, 295, jr.) will man the tackle post opposite Lewis, while sophomore letterman Andre Arnold (6-3, 235) is expected to fill the vacant flank slot. The top reserves in the D-line should be junior lettermen Jarvis Slaton (6-3, 275) and Rodney Lanctot (6-2, 230), as well as promising sophomore Tony Brown (6-3, 245) and big-play frosh recruit Cornell Bazile (6-4, 250).

The secondary is headed by cornerback Reginald Howard (5-11, 190, sr.) and free safety Idrees Bashir (6-2, 195, so.), who made a total of 120 tackles last fall. 1998 co-regular Glenn Sumter (6-1, 190, so.) will take over at strong safety, while junior letterman Michael Stone (6-0, 185) is expected to start at the CB spot opposite Howard. Providing experienced backup support in the deep zones will be lettermen Kosha Irby (6-0, 185, jr.), Keydrin Ward (6-0, 180, so.) and Fred Powell (5-10, 190, jr.).

The kicking game is a team strength thanks to the return of All-Conference USA placekicker Ryan White (5-10, 185, so.), who last year was letter-perfect as he hit on all 16 of his field goal tries and all 22 of his extra point attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Tigers will attack their foes with a well-balanced**

offense that will exceed its 1998 output of 326 yards and 21 points per game, while the Memphis defense, though anything but a team strength, will not be as easy to penetrate as it was a year ago when it surrendered lofty averages of 455 yards and 31 points per outing. In other words, the Tigers will be improved across the board -- but they'll probably finish on the down side of .500 again.

## CINCINNATI

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
		Defense 2

The Bearcats went down the tubes last season because their defense had more holes in it than a hunk of Swiss cheese. Which is why the loss of nine defensive starters had Cincinnati faithful dancing a jig! Another thing it did was to prompt Head Coach Rick Minter to take the quick-fix route in rebuilding his defense by recruiting 13 JUCO transfers on this side of the ball.

The best of these experienced newcomers are All-American defensive tackles Mario Monds (6-4, 340, jr.) and Kirk Gibbs (6-1, 280, jr.), both of whom figure to earn starting jobs as soon as they draw their equipment. Also in the DT picture are sophomore lettermen Ben Piening (6-5, 260) and Dante Elliott (6-3, 260), while the two end positions will be fought for by JUCO transfers Greg Lee (6-4, 250, jr.), Montrell Mitchell (6-4, 250, jr.) and Ethan Rose (6-3, 245, jr.), as well as sophomore lettermen Paul Stephens (6-6, 255) and Joe Hamilton (6-2, 250).

Junior DeJuan Gossett (5-11, 210), who made 78 tackles last fall, will spearhead the linebacking corps from his OLB post. Lettermen Troy Evans (6-2, 240, jr.), Lewis Carter (6-2, 220, so.) and Antwan Peek (6-2, 230, so.) are all in the hunt for starting rights at the other outside backer position, while fellow monogram winners Eddie Johnson (5-11, 235, jr.) and Kwesi Daniels (5-11, 225, sr.) are first in line to fill the middle backer slot. But all six of the aforementioned incumbents could be

1998 Cincinnati Final Statistics		
	Cincinnati	Opp
Points per game	24	41
1st Downs	246	236
Rush Att	461	464
Rush Yards	1912	2688
Avg Rush	4.1	5.8
Pass Comp	198	165
Pass Att	367	284
Pass Yds	2687	2640
Had Int	21	9
Off Yds per game	418	484

1998 RESULTS		
S. 5	Tulane (+3)	L 34-52
12	Miami, Fla. (+13 1/2)	L 12-38
19	at Army (-2)	L 20-37
26	Indiana (+3)	L 14-48
O. 3	at Louisville (+14)	L 19-62
10	at Syracuse (+42 1/2)	W 21-63
17	at Memphis (+10 1/2)	L 23-41
24	Miami, OH (+14)	L 0-41
N. 5	E Carolina (+14)	W 21-24
14	Houston (+10)	W 44-43
21	at Arkansas St (-4)	W 51-7



relegated to bench duty when A-A JUCO transfers Aaron Guzman (6-4, 240, jr.), Clarence Lindsey (6-2, 240, jr.) and Mike Goree (6-2, 245, jr.) hit campus in August.

Senior free safety Tinker Keck (6-1, 195) is the wheelhorse of the secondary. He was an all-conference performer in '97 who was shelved by injuries last season. 1998 four-game starter Danny Adams (5-10, 185, so.), who intercepted four passes last year, is a cinch to man one cornerback post, but the other cornerback and strong safety positions will be fought for by five heralded JUCO transfers and five 1998 lettermen. The five newcomers are Aaron Butler (6-1, 180, jr.), Antonio Davis (6-1, 200, jr.), Leon Hall (5-11, 175, jr.), Gerry Ruff (5-11, 185, jr.) and Sidney Smith (6-1, 180, jr.); and the five returnees are Jeff Burrow (5-8, 175, sr.), Bobby Fuller (5-10, 190, sr.), Freddy Smith (6-0, 195, jr.), Carlton Sykes (6-1, 215, sr.) and LaVar Glover (5-10, 175, jr.).

The Bearcat offense will be guided by junior quarterback Deontey Kenner (6-2, 205), who was fairly effective last season when he completed 148 of 270 passes (54.8%) for 2,047 yards and six touchdowns. He'll be supported by senior letterman David Bertucci (6-1, 220), who threw for 356 yards and one TD in '98, as well as sophomore Ryan Cooper (6-2, 190) and talented frosh recruits Louis Gonzalez (6-2, 195) and Cory Schwartz (6-2, 185).

The receiving corps will feature alternating wideouts Jason Collins-Baker (5-11, 190, jr.), Tony Smikle (6-2, 230, jr.) and Chris Archie (6-4, 210, so.), who last year caught a combined 45 passes for 636 yards and four touchdowns. Also in the WR mix is promising sophomore Tim Walker (5-11, 185), while Ashley Hunt (6-5, 250, jr.) is back at tight end where he'll be supported by junior letterman Bryan Davis (6-3, 240).

Sophomore running back DeMarco McCleskey (5-11, 215) will return to spearhead Cincy's overland attack if he is reinstated after being suspended from school in late spring. A year ago, he ran for a team-leading 861 yards and 11 touchdowns on 162 carries (a 5.3 avg.). Supporting him once more will be senior Robert Cooper (5-11, 205), who rushed for 419 yards and two scores last fall, while hard-running sophomore Lloyd Garden (5-11, 235) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Jason Isom (6-0, 240).

Up front, the blocking corps has some good horses in harness with the return of four regulars - center Doug Rosfeld (6-4, 290, jr.), guard Ken Biggs (6-5, 305, sr.) and tackles Kirt Doolin (6-4, 315, so.) and Andy Weinheimer (6-4, 305, so.). Sophomore letterman Ted Forrest (6-3, 315) will fill the vacant guard slot, while backup support in the O-line will come from 1998 co-regular Joe Dixon (6-3, 350, so.), JUCO transfer Mike Love (6-4, 305, jr.) and junior letterman Jason Lisek (6-4, 290).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Cincy's well-balanced offense should be just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 418 yards and 24 points per game. As for the Bearcat defense, after allowing horrific averages of 484 yards and 41 points per game in '98, this unit will be much-improved in '99 because of the infusion of all that talent from the JUCO ranks. But it won't be good enough to ensure that the Cats will win more games than they lose this season.

## ALABAMA-BIRM.

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost 12
	Returning 57
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
	Defense 7

The construction of the UAB grid program continues under veteran coach Watson Brown as the Blazers enter their third season of Division 1-A football as Conference-USA members in '99. Coach Brown has a veteran contingent to work with as UAB looks to fashion its first winning record at this level of play.

Returning to direct the UAB attack that netted just 300 yards per game a year ago is junior quarterback Daniel Dixon (6-2, 195), who'll again be supported by junior Lee Jolly (6-2, 180). Dixon passed for 870 yards last season without a TD toss although he did run for four scores, while Jolly had six touchdown aeriels and also contributed two on the ground.

UAB is in good shape at the receiving spots where veterans Darrius Malone (6-3, 185, sr.), Ernest Ross (5-11, 190, sr.) and Undrae Crosby (6-5, 265, jr.) are back in action. Malone had 24 catches for 530 yards and two TDs last year and Ross added eight catches. Others available to work the wideout posts include Maurice Gallery (5-11, 180, so.), Daryl Johnson (6-3, 200, sr.), Quentin Troupe (6-0, 175, sr.) and Travis Johnson (6-3, 210, jr.). Troupe had 17 receptions for 227 yards in '98.

Last fall's number one ball carrier, senior Lucious Foster (5-10, 185), is back at tailback where he scampared for 568 yards and three TDs last season, averaging 5.7 yards per tote. Junior Cory Conley (6-0, 220) is the incumbent at fullback where he added 325 yards and one TD, while others expected to see time at the running back slots include Cedric Thatch (5-11, 195, sr.) and Bernard Anderson (6-1, 220, so.).

A trio of '98 starters are back on the job in the UAB offensive interior line - center Brandon Herring (6-2, 285, sr.) and guards Preston Fray (6-5, 305, so.) and Tim Medders (6-3, 290, jr.). Soph Josh Case (6-6, 295) is battling with junior James Orrick (6-5, 290) for one tackle assignment, with sophs Bo Perry (6-6, 300) and Jeff Cowley (6-7, 285) duking it out for the other OT job.

On the defensive side, leading the up front charge will be incumbents Eddie Freeman (6-4, 280, so.) at tackle and DE Bryan Thomas (6-4, 230, jr.). Freeman piled up 11 stops for negative yardage with four sacks a year ago, while Thomas led last year's defenders with six sacks and had seven other stops behind enemy lines. Battling to fill the vacancy at the other terminal are junior Eric Lampley (6-3, 225) and JUCO transfer Otis Leverette (6-7, 275), while soph Marlon Bush (6-3, 255) and junior Rodney Jones (6-2, 270) are the principal candidates at nose guard.

Seniors Scott King (6-2, 245) and Darnell Stiell (6-1, 200) are holdover starters at linebacker, with soph Nick Stewart (5-11, 215) expected to fill the vacancy at middle backer. King and Stiell combined for 86 stops a year ago.

There's a strong contingency of veterans manning the deep defense posts, including returning regulars Kris Neal (6-2, 205, sr.) and West Foss (5-11, 180, so.) at the safeties and cornerback Dwight Platt (5-11, 180, so.). Neal was UAB's top tackler last fall with 92 stops and he also recorded two interceptions. Foss had 62 stops and three picks with Platt leading the team in INTs with four pick-

### 1998 Alabama-Birm. Final Statistics

	UAB	Opp
Points per game	22	28
1st Downs	192	213
Rush Att	499	432
Rush Yards	1900	1437
Avg Rush	3.8	3.3
Pass Comp	107	182
Pass Att	229	320
Pass Yds	1403	2398
Had Int	9	12
Off Yds per game	300	349

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Nebraska	(+46 1/2)	W	7-38
19	Tennessee Tech	(NL)		38-6
26	Kansas	(+7)	W	37-39
O. 3	SW Louisiana	(NL)		24-13
10	at E Carolina	(+14)	L	7-26
17	at Louisiana Tech	(NL)		23-54
24	Virginia Tech	(+21)	L	0-41
31	at NE Louisiana	(+2 1/2)	L	14-20
N. 7	at Tennessee	(+42)	W	13-37
14	M Tennessee St	(NL)		26-17
21	Tenn-Martin	(NL)		48-17

offs. Soph Chris Brown (6-2, 185) and senior James Williams (6-3, 205) are competing to fill the other corner post, while Andrew Kopecky (5-11, 180, so.), Adrian Singleton (6-2, 195, so.) and Yudonn Blassou (6-0, 205, sr.) are key secondary reserves.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The progress continues at UAB where Watson Brown has directed the Blazers to nine wins in their first two years of Division 1-A competition, and that's a record to be proud of! This year's Blazers shape up as a seasoned crew that's still learning how to put points on the scoreboard. Overall play of this year's UAB entry should be improved over last year, but it looks like the Blazers will probably fall just short in their bid for a winning record this season.

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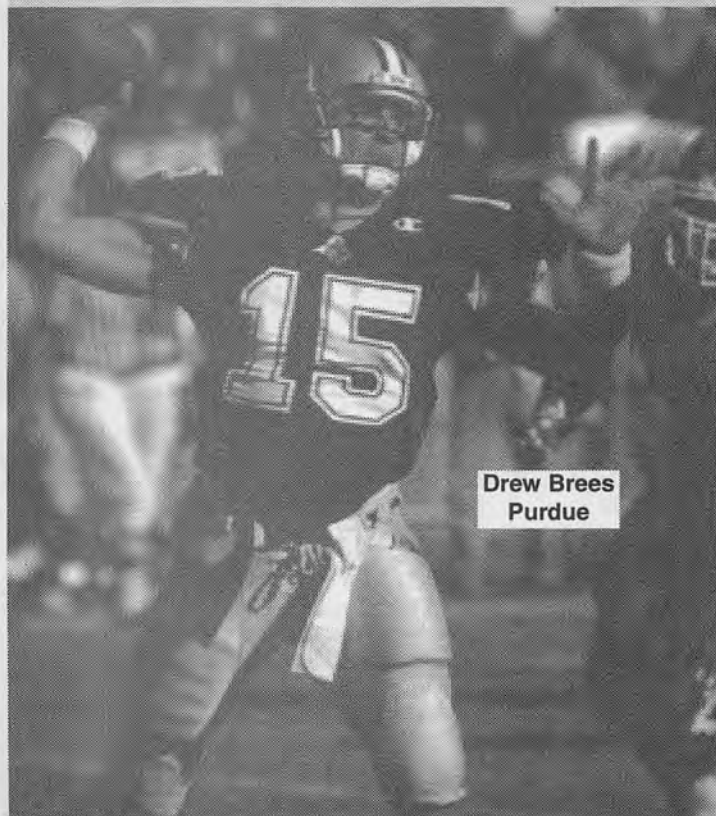
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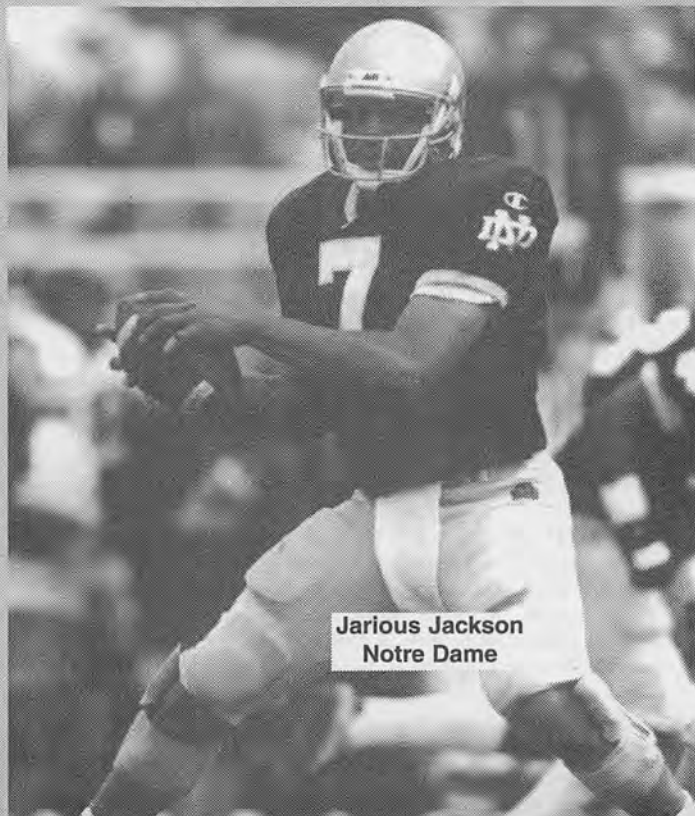
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6. Buffalo
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5. Eastern Michigan
6. Ball State



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# BIG TEN CONFERENCE

## PENN STATE

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	44
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	9

Not many people stopped Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions last season as they chalked up nine victories, including a 26-14 defeat of Kentucky in the Outback Bowl. This time around, NO ONE figures to stop this talented team as it seeks to reign supreme in the Big Ten. And like the Good Book says -- "seek and ye shall find."!!!

Papa Joe won't find much to complain about whenever his outstanding defense is in action. The strength of this hard-nosed unit is a superb line-backing corps headed by All-Americans Brandon Short (6-3, 250, sr.) and LaVar Arrington (6-3, 240, jr.) at MLB and OLB, respectively. A year ago, Short made a team-leading 67 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks, while Arrington recorded 65 stops, including 17 for minus yardage with seven QB sacks! Super senior Mac Morrison (6-1, 245), who had 47 tackles and five sacks in '98, returns to the other outside backer post, while strong reserve support in this area will come from 1998 co-regulators Maurice Daniels (6-0, 235, sr.) and Ron Graham (6-2, 260, so.), as well as lettermen Aaron Gatten (6-1, 235, sr.), Eric Sturdifan (6-2, 235, jr.) and Shamar Finney (6-2, 245, so.).

The four-man front wall is anchored by All-American end Courtney Brown (6-5, 275, sr.), who was awesome last season when he made 54 tackles, including 27 for minus yardage with 14 quarterback sacks! Senior David Fleischauer (6-3, 280) returns to his starting tackle post, while Bob Jones (6-5, 285, so.) and Imani Bell (6-4, 300, sr.) will again run 1-2 at the other tackle position. Junior letterman Justin Kurpeikis (6-4, 260) will take over at the flank spot opposite Brown, while the top reserves at end and tackle will be lettermen

### 1998 Penn State Final Statistics

	Penn State	Opp
Points per game	27	15
1st Downs	193	181
Rush Att	470	407
Rush Yards	2067	1070
Avg Rush	4.4	2.6
Pass Comp	140	188
Pass Att	278	362
Pass Yds	1859	2170
Had Int	9	17
Off Yds per game	357	295

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	S Mississippi	(-8 1/2)	W	34-6
12	Bowling Green	(-38 1/2)	W	48-3
19	at Pittsburgh	(-25)	L	20-13
O. 3	at Ohio St	(+14 1/2)	L	9-28
10	at Minnesota	(-17)	L	27-17
17	Purdue	(-8 1/2)	W	31-13
31	Illinois	(-33 1/2)	L	27-0
N. 7	at Michigan	(-3)	L	0-27
14	Northwestern	(-24)	W	41-10
21	at Wisconsin	(+1 1/2)	L	3-24
28	Michigan St	(-6 1/2)	W	51-28
J. 1	vs Kentucky	(-7)	W	26-14

Marc Kielmeier (6-6, 260, jr.), Joe McKinney (6-2, 250, so.), Jason Wallace (6-4, 285, jr.) and Rick Bolinsky (6-1, 290, jr.).

The secondary has its own All-American in senior cornerback David Macklin (5-9, 195), who had a team-leading six interceptions last year. Other returning starters here are seniors Derek Fox (5-11, 200) and Anthony King (5-8, 175) at strong safety and cornerback, respectively, while 1998 co-regular James Boyd (6-0, 205, jr.) is ticketed to start at free safety. Toiling as key reserves in the deep zones will be experienced lettermen Askari Adams (6-0, 190, sr.), Bhawoh Jue (6-1, 195, jr.), Joe Dawkins (5-8, 175, jr.) and Titcus Pettigrew (6-0, 210, sr.).

Senior Kevin Thompson (6-5, 220) is back to pilot State's attack force. He did more than an adequate job in his first season as a starter last year when he completed 121 of 226 passes for 1,691 yards and six touchdowns. We believe that Thompson will give an even better performance this year, and we believe the same of his number one backup, junior Rashard Casey (6-1, 205), who ran and passed for a total of 213 yards last fall.

Penn State has a good receiving corps that's headed by returning wideouts Chafie Fields (6-1, 200, sr.) and Corey Jones (5-10, 175, sr.), who caught a combined 52 passes for 737 yards last year. Also in the WR picture are lettermen Bruce Branch (5-11, 190, so.), Sam Crenshaw (6-2, 210, jr.) and Eddie Drummond (5-9, 185, so.), while explosive junior Tony Stewart (6-5, 265) will take over at tight end where he'll be backstopped by junior Garrett Watkins (6-3, 240) and soph John Gilmore (6-4, 260).

The strength of State's offense is a running game powered by alternating tailbacks Eric McCoo (5-10, 200, so.) and Cordell Mitchell (6-0, 200, sr.), who last year ran for a combined 1,333 yards and five touchdowns on a total of 226 carries (a 5.9 avg.). Sophomore letterman Omar Easy (6-1, 245) is also in the TB mix, while the hard-running duo of Mike Cerimele (5-10, 240, jr.) and Aaron Harris (5-11, 235, sr.) returns at full-back after blasting for an aggregate 373 yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

Up front, the offensive interior line is experienced and deep and welcomes back four starters - center Eric Cole (6-5, 310, sr.), tackle John Blick (6-6, 325, sr.) and guards Greg Ransom (6-2, 310, jr.) and Kareem McKenzie (6-7, 330, jr.). 1998 three-game starter Jordan Caruso (6-4, 310, jr.) will man the tackle post opposite Blick, while the leading backups in this area are 1998 co-regular Gabe Tinch (6-2, 300, sr.) and fellow lettermen Jason Bisson (6-7, 310, so.), Joe Hartings (6-4, 280, so.), Rich Stankewicz (6-3, 290, sr.), Francis Spano (6-1, 290, jr.) and Josh Mitchell (6-4, 295, so.), a starter in '97 who redshirted in '98.

The kicking game is a strong suit with the return of placekicker Travis Forney (5-9, 170, jr.) and punter Pat Pidgeon (5-10, 200, sr.). A year ago, Forney hit on 24 of 33 field goal tries, while Pidgeon averaged 42.6 yards per boot on 59 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** State has a plethora of talented performers at all of the offensive skill positions, and they'll be operating behind a big, strong blocking corps that should prove to be a dominant force. The result will be a well-balanced attack that'll

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exceed its 1998 output of 357 yards and 27 points per game. As for the Nittany Lion stop troops, they'll be nastier than a rabid raccoon! And they'll be stingier than they were a year ago when they allowed lowly averages of 295 yards and 15 points per game. Put it all together and it spells BIG WINNER! Which is what Penn State will be this season!

## MICHIGAN

(10-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	45
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	8

Even though they won 10 games including a victory over Arkansas in the Citrus Bowl last season, the Wolverines were very disappointed that they weren't able to successfully defend the National Championship they won in 1997. But their disappointment may be short-lived if Head Coach Lloyd Carr is able to improve his running game and strengthen his secondary. And he believes he can!

Michigan's aerial arm will again wield a lot of clout thanks to senior quarterback Tom Brady (6-5, 220), who last year completed 214 of 350 passes (61.1%) for 2,636 yards and 15 touchdowns. He'll again be supported by sophomore Drew Henson (6-4, 225), who threw for 254 yards and three TDs as a true freshman last season.

The receiving corps will be headed by senior



## 1998 Michigan Final Statistics

	Michigan	Opp
Points per game	28	18
1st Downs	238	197
Rush Att	526	515
Rush Yards	2024	1583
Avg Rush	3.8	3.1
Pass Comp	238	185
Pass Att	403	371
Pass Yds	2931	2356
Had Int	14	19
Off Yds per game	381	303

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at Notre Dame	(-6)	L	20-36
12 Syracuse	(-10)	L	28-38
19 E Michigan	(-35)	W	59-20
26 Michigan St	(-9)	W	29-17
O. 3 at Iowa	(-9)	L	12-9
17 at Northwestern	(-14)	L	12-6
24 Indiana	(-14)	L	21-10
31 at Minnesota	(-12 1/2)	L	15-10
N. 7 Penn St	(+3)	W	27-0
14 Wisconsin	(-3)	W	27-10
21 at Ohio St	(+10)	L	16-31
28 at Hawaii	(-38 1/2)	L	48-17
J. 1 vs Arkansas	(-3)	W	45-31

split end Marcus Knight (6-1, 185), who caught 42 passes for 603 yards last fall. Senior DiAllo Johnson (6-3, 195), who snared 10 tosses for 176 yards in '98, will take over at flanker, with promising sophomores Shawn Thompson (6-4, 250) and Bill Seymour (6-3, 250) having at it for starting rights at tight end. Toiling as key backups at the WR spots will be lettermen David Terrell (6-3, 205, so.), Marquise Walker (6-3, 195, so.) and Kevin Bryant (6-0, 185, sr.), who caught a combined 25 passes last season.

The main man in Michigan's running game is junior tailback Anthony Thomas (6-2, 225), who last year ran for a team-leading 891 yards and 15 touchdowns on 166 carries (a 5.4 avg.). He'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman Walter Cross (5-11, 200) and super frosh recruits Charles Drake (6-1, 195), Ryan Beard (5-10, 205) and Brent Cummings (5-11, 190), while senior Aaron Shea (6-5, 260) and sophomore Evan Coleman (6-0, 260) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

Up front, the blocking corps has to be considered a team strength with the return of four starters -- center David Brandt (6-4, 305, jr.), tackle Jeff Backus (6-6, 305, jr.) and guards Chris Ziemann (6-7, 310, sr.) and Steve Hutchinson (6-5, 310, jr.). The vacant tackle slot will be filled by either junior letterman Maurice Williams (6-5, 295) or super A-A frosh recruit Tony Pape (6-7, 310), while others pushing for extensive playing time in the O-line are 1998 co-regular (at center and guard) Steve Frazier (6-4, 295, sr.) and lettermen Ben Mast (6-4, 295, so.), Jeff Potts (6-7, 310, sr.) and Adam Adkins (6-3, 290, so.), as well as heralded redshirt freshman Joe Denay (6-8, 320).

The strength of Michigan's hard-nosed defense is a four-man linebacking corps headed by big-play OLB James Hall (6-3, 260, sr.), who last year made 63 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage with a team-leading 11 quarterback sacks. Also back to their starting posts here are senior inside backers Dhani Jones (6-2, 235) and Ian Gold (6-1, 220), who made a combined 140 tackles with 19 for minus yardage and five QB sacks last season. Sophomore lettermen Eric Brackins (6-2, 235) and Eric Rosel (6-3, 225) will duke it out for starting rights at the outside backer spot opposite Hall,

while strong backup support in this area will come from 1998 co-regulars Anthony Jordan (6-0, 220, so.), Grady Brooks (6-2, 250, jr.) and Larry Foote (6-1, 220, so.).

The three-man trench boasts returning starters in nose guard Rob Renes (6-1, 290, sr.) and tackle Josh Williams (6-3, 290, sr.). They recorded an aggregate 92 tackles with 14 for minus yardage last year. 1998 co-regular Jake Frysinger (6-4, 280, jr.), who made 30 tackles and three sacks last fall, will man the end post, with reserve support in the D-line being provided by lettermen Eric Wilson (6-4, 290, jr.) and Patrick Kratus (6-3, 275, sr.), as well as A-A redshirt freshmen Dave Armstrong (6-3, 270) and Dave Petruziello (6-4, 280).

Coach Carr will fortify his secondary on a foundation of three returning starters -- strong safety Tommy Hendricks (6-2, 215, sr.), free safety DeWayne Patmon (6-0, 185, jr.) and cornerback James Whitley (5-11, 190, jr.). Junior letterman Todd Howard (6-0, 190) has won the starting job at the CB post opposite Whitley, while backup support in the deep zones will come from four outstanding newcomers -- redshirt freshmen Cato June (6-1, 205) and Julius Curry (6-0, 180) and A-A frosh recruits Greg Brooks (5-11, 180) and Brandon Williams (5-11, 185).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** On the strength of a more productive ground game and another potent aerial attack, Michigan's offense will be a more effective strike force than it was last season when it averaged 381 yards and 28 points per game. And when you also consider that Michigan's tough defense could (if not should!) be better than it was a year ago, you have to conclude that this team could easily surpass its 1998 win total. Well, we have -- and we did!

## OHIO STATE

(11-1-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	46
	STARTERS RETURNING	6
	Offense	6
	Defense	7

The Buckeyes fell four points short of an unbeaten season and a shot at the National Championship last year, but many football fans still believe they were the best team in the land. And they probably were. But that's yesterday's news, what about tomorrow? Well, John Cooper's charges could easily win all the marbles this season -- but only if they're able to rebuild a potent passing attack that was devastated by graduation.

Coach Cooper's biggest challenge in '99 is to find an adequate replacement for graduated quarterback Joe Germaine, who threw for 3,330 yards and 25 touchdowns last fall. Getting first shot at filling Germaine's very big shoes is hard-nosed sophomore letterman Steve Bellisari (6-3, 215), a southpaw slinger with a great set of wheels who excelled as a special teams warrior last season. Also in the QB picture are strong-armed sophomore Austin Moherman (6-5, 220) and promising frosh recruits Craig Krenzler (6-4, 215) and Scott McMullen (6-4, 200).

The receiving corps lost all three starters and will be rebuilt around split end Reggie Germany (6-2, 195, jr.), who caught 14 passes for 229 yards and four touchdowns as a top reserve in '98. Speedy junior Ken-Yon Rambo (6-1, 190) will take over at flanker, while fellow juniors Darik Warnke (6-0, 195) and Tony Locke (5-10, 185) will also see plenty of action at the wideouts, as will super frosh recruits Drew Carter (6-4, 195)

## 1998 Ohio State Final Statistics

	Ohio State	Opp
Points per game	36	12
1st Downs	290	168
Rush Att	514	375
Rush Yards	2395	837
Avg Rush	4.7	2.2
Pass Comp	247	219
Pass Att	419	453
Pass Yds	3576	2281
Had Int	7	17
Off Yds per game	498	260

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at W Virginia	(-11 1/2)	W	34-17
12 Toledo	(-37)	W	49-0
19 Missouri	(-25)	L	35-14
O. 3 Penn St	(-14 1/2)	W	28-9
10 at Illinois	(-36 1/2)	W	41-0
17 Minnesota	(-38 1/2)	L	45-15
24 at Northwestern	(-29)	L	36-10
31 at Indiana	(-24)	W	38-7
N. 7 Michigan St	(-27)	L	24-28
14 at Iowa	(-25 1/2)	W	45-14
21 Michigan	(-10)	W	31-16
J. 1 vs Texas A&M	(-12 1/2)	L	24-14

and Maurice Harris (6-2, 200). Senior letterman Steve Wisniewski (6-5, 270) is the heir-apparent at tight end, and he'll be supported by senior Kevin Houser (6-3, 250) and redshirt freshman Darnell Sanders (6-6, 275).

All-Big Ten tailback Michael Wiley (6-0, 195) is the wheelhorse of OSU's ground game. A year ago, he ran for a team-leading 1,235 yards and 10 touchdowns on 198 carries (a 6.2 avg!). He'll be backstopped by lettermen Derek Combs (6-2, 200, jr.) and Jonathan Wells (6-1, 220, so.), while the strong-blocking duo of Matt Keller (6-0, 240, sr.) and Jamar Martin (6-1, 240, so.) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

The offensive interior line stacks up as a team strength with the return of four starters -- All-American guard Rob Murphy (6-5, 310, sr.), All-Big Ten guard Ben Gilbert (6-5, 305, sr.), center Kurt Murphy (6-4, 300, sr.) and tackle Tyson Walter (6-5, 315, jr.). Tough junior letterman Henry Fleming (6-7, 320) will fill the vacant tackle slot, while strong backup support in the blocking corps will come from experienced lettermen Tam Hopkins (6-5, 305, jr.), Mike Gurr (6-7, 290, jr.), LeCharles Bentley (6-3, 275, so.) and Drew Elford (6-4, 310, sr.), as well as talented sophomore Jim Massey (6-5, 295) and A-A redshirt freshman Scott Kuhnhein (6-6, 305).

Defensively, Ohio State's strength is up front where the D-line welcomes back all four starters and their number one backups. Leading the charge here are ends Rodney Bailey (6-3, 265, jr.) and Brent Johnson (6-4, 275, jr.), who last year made a combined 56 tackles, including 13 quarterback sacks. Hunkered down at their tackle posts are Ryan Pickett (6-3, 295, so.) and Joe Brown (6-6, 295, jr.), while the top reserves in the

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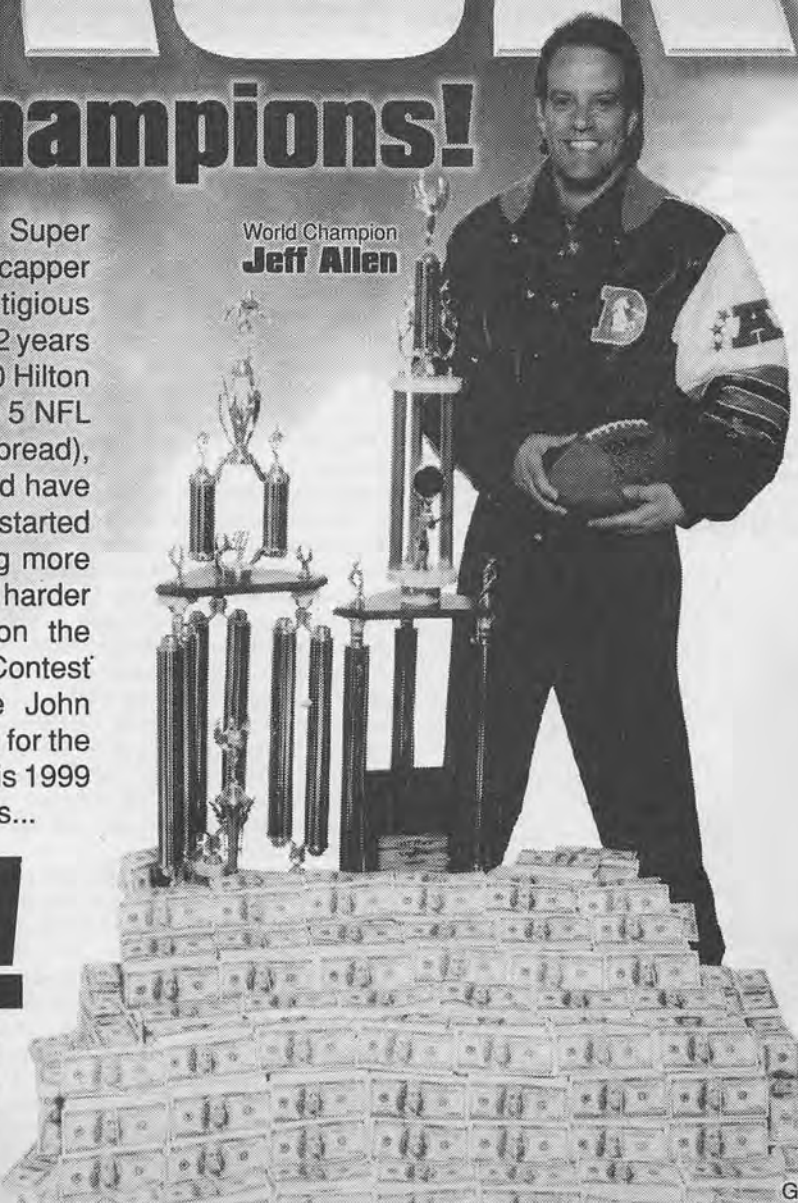
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trench are co-regulators Matt LaVrar (6-3, 250, sr.), James Cotton (6-4, 260, sr.), Mike Collins (6-3, 295, so.) and Clinton Wayne (6-3, 285, jr.). Also in the mix here will be lettermen Randy Homa (6-2, 290, sr.) and Heath Queen (6-5, 290, so.), as well as A-A redshirt freshmen Kenny Peterson (6-4, 270) and Julius Yeast (6-5, 295).

Junior outside linebacker Nail Diggs (6-4, 245) spearheads the second line of defense. He earned All-Big Ten honors last season when he made 80 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage with seven quarterback sacks. Explosive sophomore letterman Courtland Bullard (6-3, 235) will man the other OLB post, while lettermen Chris Kirk (6-4, 240, sr.) and Jason Ott (6-4, 245, so.) are ticketed to run 1-2 at middle linebacker. 1998 co-regulators Joe Cooper (6-2, 220, jr.) and Tim Cheatwood (6-4, 230, so.) will be big-time reserves at outside linebacker.

The secondary is headed by senior cornerback Ahmed Plummer (6-0, 190), who last year led the team in interceptions (4) and pass breakups (17). Also returning to his starting post is free safety Gary Berry (6-0, 195, sr.), while '98 co-regulators Nate Clements (6-0, 190, so.) and Percy King (6-4, 210, sr.) will fill the vacant cornerback and strong safety slots, respectively. Also contributing in the deep zones will be lettermen David Mitchell (6-1, 195, jr.) and Derek Ross (6-1, 195, so.), as well as sophomore Greg Simpson (6-1, 205) and redshirt freshman Donnie Nickey (6-3, 205).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Buckeyes lost some good skill position people on offense, but this unit will still get more than its share of yardage and points, although OSU's aerial arm doesn't figure to pack the wallop it did last year. On the stop side, not many people are gonna be able to run on this team, and passing against Ohio State won't be a picnic, either. The Buckeyes are very, very good, and they could find themselves in position to grab the brass ring this season, but if they do, we believe they'll have a tougher time doing it than they did last season.

## WISCONSIN

(11-1-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	50
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	8

We told you a year ago that the Badgers were gonna be a helluva lot better in 1998 than they were in 1997 -- and the rest is history! And now we're telling you that Wisconsin could be every bit as good (or better!) this season -- but only if Head Coach Barry Alvarez can find a new quarterback with the same leadership qualities demonstrated by graduated standout Mike Samuel.

Coach Alvarez expects senior Scott Kavanagh (6-4, 215) to fill that role, and we believe he can. Kavanagh was very impressive while seeing limited action last season when he completed 15 of 28 passes for 188 yards and four touchdowns. He also averaged 6.8 yards per carry each time he packed the pig! Kavanagh will be supported by talented redshirt freshman Brooks Bollinger (6-2, 205) and A-A frosh recruit Jim Sorgi (6-5, 190), both of whom are excellent passers and very good runners.

Wisconsin's QBs will be playing catch with an impressive receiving corps headed by split end Chris Chambers (6-1, 205, jr.), who last year caught a team-leading 28 passes for 563 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Ahmad Merritt (5-10,

## 1998 Wisconsin Final Statistics

	Wisconsin	Opp
Points per game	32	12
1st Downs	199	192
Rush Att	600	415
Rush Yards	2591	1106
Avg Rush	4.3	2.7
Pass Comp	105	203
Pass Att	200	373
Pass Yds	1363	2405
Had Int	5	19
Off Yds per game	330	293

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at San Diego St	(-10)	W	26-14
12	Ohio	(-16 1/2)	W	45-0
19	UNLV	(-38)	W	52-7
26	Northwestern	(-12)	W	38-7
O. 3	at Indiana	(-9 1/2)	L	24-20
10	Purdue	(-6)	W	31-24
17	at Illinois	(-21 1/2)	W	37-3
24	at Iowa	(-6 1/2)	W	31-0
N. 7	Minnesota	(-21)	L	26-7
14	at Michigan	(+3)	L	10-27
21	Penn St	(-1 1/2)	W	24-3
J. 1	vs UCLA	(+9)	W	38-31

195) is back at flanker where he'll be supported by All-American kick returner Nick Davis (5-10, 180), while the gigantic tandem of Dague Retzlaff (6-8, 290, jr.) and John Sigmund (6-7, 285, jr.) will again run 1-2 at tight end.

The man who really makes Wisconsin's offense go is a speedy tank that masquerades as a football player. He (it) answers to the name of Ron Dayne, and he (it) is a 5-10, 255-pound senior who does more damage than Godzilla when he's attacking Tokyo! Dayne is almost unstoppable when he gets up a full head of steam, and he demonstrated as much last season when he ran for a team-leading 1,525 yards and 15 touchdowns on 295 carries (a 5.2 avg.). He'll again be strongly supported by Eddie Faulkner (5-11, 200, jr.) and Carlos Daniels (6-1, 240, so.), who ran for a combined 452 yards and three TDs in '98, while powerful sophomore Chad Kuhns (6-1, 245) is ticketed to take over at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Marcus Carpenter (6-2, 245).

The offensive interior line is a team strength and welcomes back four starters -- center Casey Rabach (6-5, 295, jr.), tackle Chris McIntosh (6-7, 315, sr.) and guards Dave Costa (6-5, 300, jr.) and Bill Ferrario (6-3, 305, jr.). Sophomore Brian Lamont (6-8, 320) and A-A redshirt freshman Ben Johnson (6-7, 325) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant tackle post, while reserve support in the blocking corps will come from 1998 part-time starter Rob Roell (6-5, 280, sr.) and promising redshirt freshmen Al Johnson (6-4, 295), Terry Stephan (6-3, 300) and Jason Jowers (6-6, 320). This is a hard-nosed outfit that gives no quarter and asks none!

So is a four-man defensive line that's anchored by big-play end John Favret (6-4, 240, jr.), who last year made 67 tackles with 12 for minus yardage and eight quarterback sacks. He'll be backstopped by junior letterman Sam Mueller (6-5, 260), while 1998 starting defensive tackle Ross Kolodziej (6-3, 285, jr.) and sophomore letterman Jake Sprague (6-4, 285) will run 1-2 at the other flank post. Returning starter Eric Mahlik (6-3, 270, jr.) and 1998 co-regular Wendell Bryant (6-4, 300, so.) are rock-solid at the two tackle positions, and they'll be supported by lettermen Chris Janek

(6-2, 280, sr.) and George Pratt (6-5, 310, so.), as well as heralded redshirt freshman Clint Bakken (6-2, 295).

The linebacking corps boasts all-star candidates Chris Ghidorzi (6-3, 240, sr.) and Donnel Thompson (6-0, 235, sr.), who last year made a combined 213 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage. 1998 co-regular Dan Lisowski (6-1, 225, so.) and former starter Roger Knight (6-2, 240, jr.) are duking it out for starting rights at the third backer position, while sophomore lettermen Nick Greisen (6-2, 235) and Ben Herbert (6-4, 240) are back as top reserves in this area.

Wisconsin's secondary was pretty salty last season and will be even tougher this year with the return of three starters -- free safety Jason Doering (6-0, 205, jr.) and cornerbacks Mike Echols (5-10, 175, so.) and Jamar Fletcher (5-10, 170, so.). Doering and Echols each intercepted three passes in '98, while Fletcher led the nation with seven "picks." 1998 co-regular Bobby Myers (6-2, 185, sr.) will take over at strong safety, and reserve support in the deep zones will come from experienced lettermen Joey Boese (5-11, 170, so.), Donte King (5-10, 185, jr.), Carlease Clark (6-1, 190, so.), Ryan Marks (6-1, 215, jr.) and Tim Rosga (6-0, 215, sr.).

All-Big Ten punter Kevin Stemke (6-2, 190, jr.) is an important weapon for Wisconsin. A year ago, he averaged 43.8 yards per boot on 72 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With Dayne doing his thing behind a big, strong blocking corps, the Badgers should roll up more yardage than they did last season when they averaged 330 yards and 32 points per game. And Wisconsin's stop troops will be very difficult to penetrate either by land or air as they prove to be even stingier than they were a year ago when they allowed averages of 293 yards and 12 points per game. All of which prompts us to tell you that Wisconsin could be the team to beat in the Big Ten Sweepstakes this season. So we're telling you!

## PURDUE

(9-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	43
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	10
	Defense	8

Joe Tiller's Boilermakers were very impressive last season as they parlayed an explosive attack and an opportunistic defense into nine smashing victories, including a 37-34 win over powerful Kansas State in the Alamo Bowl. Can they do even better this time around? Is Hillary Clinton a pushy broad?!!!

Junior quarterback Drew Brees (6-1, 215) returns to pilot Purdue's potent attack force. He was sensational in his first season as a starter last year when he completed 361 of 569 passes (63.4%) for 3,983 yards and 39 touchdowns! Brees will again be supported by talented junior David Edgerton (6-2, 215), who hit on 16 of 24 passes (66.7%) for 225 yards and four TDs last fall.

The four-man receiving corps will be headed by senior wideouts Randall Lane (6-1, 205) and Chris Daniels (6-3, 205), who last year caught a combined 112 passes for 1,413 yards and 14 touchdowns. 1998 co-regular Vinny Sutherland (5-10, 190, jr.), who snared 31 tosses in '98, will man the third WR post, while solid depth at the wideouts will come from lettermen Donald Winston (5-7, 160, jr.), Cliff Jackson (5-10, 180,



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## 1998 Purdue Final Statistics

	Purdue	Opp
Points per game	34	21
1st Downs	315	248
Rush Att	395	539
Rush Yards	1511	1910
Avg Rush	3.8	3.5
Pass Comp	377	200
Pass Att	594	378
Pass Yds	4208	2518
Had Int	20	16
Off Yds per game	440	341

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 30	at Southern Cal	(+7 1/2)	L	17-27
S. 12	Rice	(-12)	L	21-19
19	C Florida	(-4)	W	35-7
26	at Notre Dame	(+7)	W	30-31
O. 3	Minnesota	(-9 1/2)	W	56-21
10	at Wisconsin	(+6)	L	24-31
17	at Penn St	(+8 1/2)	L	13-31
24	Illinois	(-24)	W	42-9
31	Iowa	(-14)	W	36-14
N. 7	at Northwestern	(-13 1/2)	W	56-21
14	at Michigan St	(-2 1/2)	L	25-24
21	Indiana	(-16 1/2)	W	52-7
D. 29	vs Kansas St	(+13)	W	37-34

jr.), Robert Tolbert (6-1, 185, sr.) and A.T. Simpson (6-5, 210, so.), as well as big-play JUCO transfers Keith Dawson (6-5, 205, jr.) and Larry Shyne (5-11, 175, jr.). The tight end position will again be shared by sophomores Tim Stratton (6-4, 240) and Chris Randolph (6-5, 260). The sure-handed Stratton caught 38 passes for 381 yards and seven touchdowns last season, while Randolph is an outstanding blocker at the point of attack.

The lone running back post is shared by senior J. Crabtree (5-9, 205) and sophomore Dondre Johnson (6-0, 215), who ran for a combined 1,081 yards and five scores last fall. Up front, an excellent blocking corps welcomes back all five starters -- center Jim Niedrach (6-3, 290, sr.), guards Chukky Okobi (6-2, 315, jr.) and David Cohen (6-4, 305, sr.), and tackles Brandon Gorin (6-6, 295, jr.) and Matt Light (6-4, 290, jr.). Toiling as top reserves in the O-line will be 1998 co-regular Aaron Starnes (6-3, 295, sr.), junior letterman Ian Allen (6-4, 285), sophomores Josh Kirkpatrick (6-1, 270) and Brian Koppen (6-6, 325), and highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Gene Mruczkowski (6-3, 310), Joe Webster (6-6, 330), Seth Morris (6-9, 320) and Kelly Kitchel (6-6, 295).

On the stop side, Purdue's first line of defense will be anchored by tackles Matt Mitrione (6-3, 290, so.) and David Nugent (6-5, 295, sr.), who last year made a combined 67 tackles with 13 for minus yardage. They'll be supported by junior Brent Botts (6-3, 270), sophomore Sean Rufolo (6-3, 275) and powerful frosh recruit Daameon Grier (6-2, 315), while junior lettermen Warren Moore (6-2, 270) and Rocco Foggio (6-4, 280) are expected to man the vacant end posts where they'll be backstopped by juniors Derrick Williams (6-4, 295) and Brian Dinkins (6-2, 245), as well as JUCO transfer Akin Ayodele (6-2, 245, jr.).

The linebacking corps boasts three returning regulars in MLB Willie Fells (6-1, 230, sr.) and OLBs Mike Rose (6-1, 240, sr.) and Jason Loerzel (6-3, 220, so.). A year ago, they recorded an aggregate 199 tackles, including 13 for minus yardage with four QB sacks. Providing very good backup support in this area will be senior letter-

man Ray Lee (6-1, 240), redshirt freshman Cornell Middlebrook (6-2, 235) and A-A frosh recruit Tim Olmstead (6-3, 245).

Senior strong safety Adrian Beasley (6-0, 195) is the pacesetter in the secondary. A year ago, he made 69 tackles, intercepted two passes and broke up eight other aerials. Also returning to their starting posts are senior cornerbacks Mike Hawthorne (6-3, 195) and DaShann Austin (5-10, 180), but one of them could lose his starting job to All-American JUCO transfer Ashante Woodyard (6-2, 205, jr.), a blazing speedster who hits like a truck, as evidenced by the 17 QB sacks he racked up last season! Sophomore letterman Ben Smith (6-3, 195) and 1998 five-game starter Lamar Conard (5-10, 200, sr.) will share the free safety position, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be junior lettermen Tom Vaughan (6-0, 190), Chris Clopton (5-7, 170), Antoine Neal (5-9, 195) and Brady Doe (6-1, 190), as well as aggressive redshirt freshman James Dunnigan (5-9, 180).

Purdue's kicking game will be more than adequate with the return of placekicker Travis Dorsch (6-6, 195, so.) and punter Danny Rogers (5-10, 205, sr.). Dorsch hit on 16 of 22 field goal tries last year, while Rogers averaged 39.9 yards per boot on 50 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Talk about firepower! That's what Purdue has in great abundance on offense. Brees and his buddies will drive a lot of opposing defensive coordinators crazy as they roll up more yardage and points than they did last season when they averaged 440 yards and 34 points per game. As for Purdue's stop troops, they lost three big-play people at the two end positions, but this unit should be as good as it was a year ago when it yielded averages of 341 yards and 21 points per game. So what all of the above tells us is that Purdue will be one of the teams to beat in the Big Ten this season. And you can take that to the bank!

## MICHIGAN STATE

(6-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	48
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	8
	Defense	10

The Spartans bit the apple last season as a weaker running game and an overly-generous defense deprived them of a fourth straight winning record. But it should be a different story this time around because Head Coach Nick Saban will be able to parlay 18 returning starters and a horde of blue-chip newcomers into a possible (if not probable!) conference contender.

Senior quarterback Bill Burke (6-5, 205) is the man who sets State's attack force in motion. Burke did a good job in his first season as a starter last year when he completed 195 of 358 passes (54.5%) for 2,595 yards and 19 touchdowns with just 10 interceptions. He'll again be supported by sophomore Ryan Van Dyke (6-5, 215), who threw for 353 yards and two TDs last fall.

The receiving corps is headed by split end Plaxico Burress (6-6, 230, jr.) and flanker Gari Scott (6-1, 200, sr.). A year ago, Burress caught a team-leading 65 passes for 1,013 yards and eight touchdowns, while Scott snared 58 tosses for 843 yards and four TDs. They'll again be backstopped by Herb Haygood (6-0, 180, so.) and Lavaile Richardson (6-2, 200, jr.), who caught a combined 25 passes in '98, while sophomore Chris Baker (6-3, 255), who caught 22 passes for 305 yards and

## 1997 Michigan State Final Statistics

	Michigan State	Opp
Points per game	28	25
1st Downs	245	222
Rush Att	490	496
Rush Yards	1552	2062
Avg Rush	3.2	4.2
Pass Comp	229	188
Pass Att	423	385
Pass Yds	2954	2298
Had Int	14	13
Off Yds per game	376	363

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 29	Colorado St	(-5)	L	16-23
S. 5	at Oregon	(+1)	L	14-48
12	Notre Dame	(+7)	W	45-23
26	at Michigan	(+9)	L	17-29
O. 3	C Michigan	(-28)	W	38-7
10	Indiana	(-9 1/2)	L	38-31
24	at Minnesota	(-7 1/2)	L	18-19
31	Northwestern	(-10)	W	29-5
N. 7	at Ohio St	(+27)	W	28-24
14	Purdue	(+2 1/2)	W	24-25
21	Illinois	(-20 1/2)	W	41-9
28	at Penn St	(+6 1/2)	L	28-51

three scores last season, returns at tight end where he'll again be supported by Ivory McCoy (6-3, 235, jr.) and Brad Rainko (6-3, 245, sr.), who had an aggregate two TD grabs last season.

Super tailback Sedrick Irvin opted for a premature departure to the greener pastures of the NFL, and he'll be replaced by committee as Lloyd Clemons (5-11, 210, sr.), Shawn Foster (5-11, 200, so.), John Flowers (6-0, 210, so.) and Leroy McFadden (6-3, 245, jr.) will share TB duties after running for a combined 625 yards as key reserves last fall. Hard-nosed senior letterman Billy Greene (6-1, 240) will take over at fullback, and he'll be supported by A-A redshirt freshman Dawan Moss (5-11, 235) and all-star JUCO transfer Mike Labinjo (6-1, 250, jr.).

The blocking corps figures to be much-improved and will feature four returning starters -- center Casey Jensen (6-7, 310, sr.), guard Paul Harker (6-3, 295, so.) and tackles Greg Randall (6-5, 315, sr.) and Dave Sucura (6-3, 290, jr.). Former starter Shaun Mason (6-5, 285, jr.) will fill the vacant guard slot, while strong backup support in the O-line will come from junior letterman Matt Bonito (6-6, 285), A-A JUCO transfer Tupe Peko (6-4, 290, jr.) and four A-A frosh recruits -- DeMarco Monroe (6-4, 305), Brian Ottney (6-6, 295), Joe Patrick (6-6, 315) and Steve Stewart (6-5, 315).

The defensive line will also be a team strength thanks to big-play types like senior ends Robaire Smith (6-5, 275) and Julian Peterson (6-4, 250), who last year made a combined 110 tackles, including 26 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks. They'll be strongly supported by sophomores Nick Myers (6-2, 275) and Hubert Thompson (6-4, 275), and A-A JUCO transfers Jabari Hendricks (6-4, 280, jr.) and Dimitry Bernard (6-3, 260, jr.), while the two tackle positions will again be shared by Jace Saylor (6-5, 295, jr.), Pete Govens (6-4, 295, jr.), Desmond Thomas (6-3, 290, sr.) and Josh Shaw (6-3, 285, so.). Also in the DT mix will be super A-A frosh recruits Derek Stielstra (6-4, 290) and Ellington Wills (6-4, 280).

The linebacking corps is in great shape with the return of MLB T.J. Turner (6-2, 245, jr.) and OLBs



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Mike Austin (6-3, 240, sr.) and Josh Thornhill (6-3, 240, so.), along with 1998 co-regular Shawn Wright (6-2, 235, sr.) and junior letterman Wes Kammer (6-2, 230). Two newcomers who'll bolster this unit are highly-regarded redshirt freshman Pierre Wilson (6-3, 250) and A-A frosh recruit T.J. Duckett (6-2, 255), considered by many to be the finest defensive player in the prep ranks last season.

Senior strong safety Aric Morris (5-11, 210) and junior cornerback Renaldo Hill (5-11, 175) are the ringleaders of the secondary. A year ago, Morris made a team-leading 127 tackles and intercepted three passes, while Hill picked off a team-leading five passes. 1998 co-regular Cedric Henry (5-10, 185, so.) and junior letterman Richard Newsome (5-11, 190) are first in line to fill the vacant CB and FS slots, respectively, but Henry could wind up playing second fiddle to former All-Big Ten performer Amp Campbell (6-0, 200, sr.), who is trying to obtain a sixth season of eligibility after being sidelined by injuries last season. Strong backup support in the deep zones will come from A-A JUCO transfers Drew Young (6-2, 210, jr.) and Thomas Wright (6-2, 190, jr.), as well as lettermen Donvetis Franklin (5-11, 190, sr.), DeMario Suggs (5-11, 195, jr.) and Lorenzo Guess (6-1, 190, so.).

MSU's kicking game is very strong with the return of placekicker Paul Edinger (5-10, 170, sr.) and punter Craig Jarrett (6-2, 210, so.). Edinger hit on 22 of 26 field goal tries last season, while Jarrett averaged 43.8 yards per boot on 64 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Spartans are primed to make amends for their relatively poor showing of a year ago. With a more effective ground game and another strong aerial arm at its disposal, MSU's offense will surpass its 1998 output of 376 yards and 28 points per game, and the Spartan stop troops will definitely be a lot less yielding than they were last season when they surrendered averages of 363 yards and 25 points per game. A lot of people think this team will languish in the lower confines of the Big Ten this season. But don't be surprised if the Spartans surprise!

## MINNESOTA

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	19
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 10
	Defense	7

Watch out for the Gophers this season! We've got a hunch they're gonna cause a lot of trouble for a lot of people, especially if their offense increases its output and their secondary shuts down opposing passers with greater frequency.

Senior quarterback Billy Cockerham (6-1, 220) will be at the throttle of what will be a more productive attack force this season. A year ago, he completed 92 of 180 passes for 1,150 yards and 11 touchdowns, and he also ran for 311 yards and two more scores. Backup support at QB will come from junior Andy Persby (6-3, 230), a three-game starter last season when he threw for 661 yards and three TDs.

The receiving corps will again be led by senior wideout Luke Levenson (6-0, 185), who caught 60 passes for 854 yards and nine touchdowns last year. Sophomore Ron Johnson (6-3, 210), who snared 38 tosses for 395 yards and four TDs in '98, returns to the other WR post, while the tight end position will again be shared by sure-handed senior Alex Hass (6-5, 270) and strong-blocking

## 1998 Minnesota Final Statistics

	Minnesota	Opp
Points per game	21	23
1st Downs	184	206
Rush Att	431	433
Rush Yards	1547	1141
Avg Rush	3.6	2.6
Pass Comp	155	203
Pass Att	338	374
Pass Yds	1882	2699
Had Int	17	12
Off Yds per game	312	349

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Arkansas St	(-27 1/2)	L	17-14
12 at	Houston	(+3)	W	14-7
19	Memphis	(-3 1/2)	W	41-14
O. 3 at	Purdue	(+9 1/2)	L	21-56
10	Penn St	(+17)	W	17-27
17 at	Ohio St	(+38 1/2)	W	15-45
24	Michigan St	(+7 1/2)	W	19-18
31	Michigan	(+12 1/2)	W	10-15
N. 7 at	Wisconsin	(+21)	W	7-26
14 at	Indiana	(+3)	W	19-20
21	Iowa	(-7)	W	49-7

sophomore Zach Vevea (6-6, 265). Toiling as top reserves at the wideouts once more will be lettermen Antoine Henderson (5-7, 160, jr.), Ryan Keller (6-2, 200, jr.) and Elvin Jones (6-4, 215, so.), who caught a combined 23 passes last fall.

Senior tailback Thomas Hamner (6-0, 190) will spearhead the running game after churning for 838 yards and four touchdowns last season. He'll be supported by senior Byron Evans (5-9, 220), who ran for 327 yards and two scores in '98, along with super A-A frosh recruit Thomas Tapeh (6-1, 220), while the fullback position is being fought for by senior letterman Brad Prigge (5-10, 195) and A-A redshirt freshmen Jason Andraschko (6-3, 255) and Marvin Spencer (6-1, 235).

The offensive interior line is loaded with returning starters and is headed by A-A candidate Ben Hamilton (6-5, 280, jr.) at center. Returning to their guard posts are senior Pat Hau (6-6, 325) and sophomore Ryan Roth (6-3, 305), while Adam Haayer (6-6, 310, jr.) and Erik Larson (6-6, 295, jr.) are back at the tackles, although Larson lost his starting job to former DT regular Josh Rawlings (6-5, 320, sr.) during spring drills. The leading backups in the O-line figure to be senior Jason Zander (6-5, 310), junior Terrence Floyd (6-4, 305, jr.), sophomore Derek Burns (6-5, 290) and redshirt freshmen Joe Palke (6-5, 300) and Jake Kuppe (6-7, 350).

Minnesota's defense will follow the lead of All-American strong safety Tyrone Carter (5-9, 185, sr.), who last year led the team in tackles (158), tackles for loss (15) and QB sacks (8). Also returning to his starting spot in the secondary is sophomore cornerback Willie Middlebrooks (6-2, 195), while 1998 co-regular Trevis Graham (5-10, 185, jr.) and sophomore letterman Delvin Jones (6-0, 185) are first in line to fill the vacancies at cornerback and free safety, respectively. Speedy senior Fred Rogers (5-9, 170), SMU transfer Jack Brewer (6-1, 190) and JUCO transfer Andre Brown (5-9, 180, jr.) will contribute as key reserves in this area, and the secondary gets a major boost from the healthy return of senior cornerback Jimmy Wyrick (5-9, 175), a 12-game starter in '97 who missed all of last season with a foot injury.

The linebacking corps is a team strength with

the return of Sean Hoffman (6-3, 250, jr.) and Ben Mezera (6-4, 245, jr.), and the addition of Curtese Poole (6-3, 245, jr.), who started at defensive end last fall. A year ago, Hoffman, Mezera and Poole made a combined 164 tackles, including 19 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks. Strong backup support at LB will come from lettermen Mike Harden (6-2, 220, jr.), Luke Braaten (6-4, 245, sr.), Justin Hall (6-3, 240, jr.) and Asten Osei (6-2, 235, so.), as well as A-A JUCO transfer Tevita Moala (5-11, 225, jr.) and A-A redshirt freshman Ryan Iversen (6-3, 250).

Up front, the four-man trench is anchored by tackle John Schlecht (6-1, 285, jr.) and end Jon Michals (6-4, 275, sr.), who last year recorded a total of 76 tackles, including 18 for minus yardage with eight QB sacks. 1998 co-regular Dyrone Russ (6-1, 305, sr.) will fill the vacant tackle slot, while SMU transfer Karon Riley (6-4, 260, jr.) will man the flank post opposite Michals. Riley redshirted last season after making 50 tackles as a two-year co-regular for the Mustangs in '96 and '97. The top reserves in the D-line will be junior Mike Cernoch (6-6, 280), sophomore Matt Anderle (6-6, 315), redshirt freshman Dave Sykora (6-6, 315) and A-A JUCO transfer Chris Smith (6-4, 300, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Golden Gophers will be an improved football team this fall. Their balanced offense figures to be much more productive than it was a year ago when it averaged 312 yards and 21 points per game, and their defense will again be tough to run on and a bit less yielding to enemy passers than it was last season. All told, we look for Head Coach Glen Mason to lead his third edition of Gophers to a winning record and a possible bowl bid.

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# INDIANA

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	11
	Returning	46
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	10
	Defense	9

Head Coach Cam Cameron's third season at the Indiana helm could prove to be a winning one if the Hoosiers can improve their passing attack while also convincing their secondary that it is more blessed to take than to give! And from our vantage point, it appears they'll be successful in both regards because they are supplementing 19 returning regulars with a horde of outstanding newcomers. And the rest, dear readers, will be elementary!

Expected to provide Indiana with a stronger aerial arm is sophomore quarterback Antwaan Randle El (5-10, 185), a strong-armed chucker with a great set of wheels, as he demonstrated in his first year as a starter last season when he ran for a team-leading 873 yards and 10 touchdowns on 227 carries (a 3.8 avg.). He also completed 127 of 273 passes (46.5%) for 1,745 yards and six touchdowns with 11 interceptions, which are statistics that Randle El will definitely improve on this time around. In reserve at QB are junior letterman Earl Hanford (6-2, 215) and talented redshirt freshmen Tommy Jones (6-4, 235) and Gibran Hamdan (6-5, 230).

The receiving corps returns intact and is headed by flanker Tyrone Browning (6-0, 190, jr.) and split end Levron Williams (6-3, 210, so.), who last year caught a combined 62 passes for 1,087 yards and four touchdowns. They'll be strongly supported by A-A JUCO transfer Jerry Dorsey (6-0, 180, jr.) and sophomore letterman Derin Graham (5-10, 180), while Craig Osika (6-3, 270, so.), who had two TD catches last fall, returns at tight end where he'll be backstopped by heralded redshirt freshman Bobby Brandt (6-7, 275).

Indiana welcomes back its top three tailbacks in Frankie Franklin (5-10, 210, sr.), Marcus Floyd (5-9, 190, jr.) and DeWayne Hogan (6-0, 235, jr.), who rushed for an aggregate 886 yards and three scores last year. They'll be supported by A-A frosh recruit Brian Lewis (5-10, 200), while powerful senior letterman Jason Spear (5-11, 245) will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by junior David Ballou (6-0, 250), sophomore Kyle Enright (6-0, 235) and bulldozing frosh recruit Jeremi Johnson (5-11, 295).

Up front, a veteran blocking corps is anchored by All-Big Ten tackle Pita Elisara (6-3, 295, sr.), who'll be rejoined in the starting rotation by center Chad Miller (6-3, 280, sr.), tackle Craig Robben (6-6, 310, sr.) and guards Matt Snyder (6-3, 290, sr.) and James Broyles (6-5, 310, jr.). Providing solid backup support in the O-line will be lettermen Nate DeArmond (6-3, 295, so.) and Doug Baumgarten (6-7, 305, sr.), as well as A-A JUCO transfer James Evans (6-4, 300, jr.) and promising redshirt freshmen Brett Taylor (6-8, 310) and Enoch DeMar (6-4, 300).

## 1998 Indiana Final Statistics

	Indiana	Opp
Points per game	22	26
1st Downs	212	231
Rush Att	495	430
Rush Yards	2150	1625
Avg Rush	4.3	3.8
Pass Comp	134	236
Pass Att	285	373
Pass Yds	1853	2673
Had Int	13	19
Off Yds per game	364	391

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	W Michigan	(-4 1/2)	W	45-30
19	at Kentucky	(+21)	W	27-31
26	at Cincinnati	(-3)	W	48-14
O. 3	Wisconsin	(+9 1/2)	W	20-24
10	at Michigan St	(+9 1/2)	W	31-38
17	Iowa	(-3)	W	14-7
24	at Michigan	(+14)	W	10-21
31	Ohio St	(+24)	L	7-38
N. 7	at Illinois	(-14)	L	16-31
14	Minnesota	(-3)	L	20-19
21	at Purdue	(+16 1/2)	L	7-52

Indiana's defensive charge will again be led by end Adewale Ogunleye (6-4, 270, sr.) and tackle Damian Gregory (6-3, 310, sr.), who last year made a combined 110 tackles, including 25 for minus yardage with 13 quarterback sacks. Also returning as a starter here is senior tackle Jason Czap (6-3, 270), while the vacant flank post is being fought for by sophomore letterman Kemp Rasmussen (6-3, 260) and A-A redshirt freshmen Derek Barnett (6-4, 260) and Sean Nelson (6-3, 260). The top reserves at tackle will be 1998 co-regular Paul Mandina (6-4, 290, jr.), redshirt freshman A.C. Myler (6-4, 335) and super JUCO transfers James Atkins (6-6, 310, jr.) and Dominique Smith (6-4, 295, jr.).

The second line of defense will be headed by alternating outside linebackers Brad Gecina (6-2, 235, sr.), Tony Brown (6-2, 250, jr.) and Devin Schaffer (6-1, 240, so.), who recorded an aggregate 94 tackles last season. Hard-hitting junior letterman Joslin Goodman (6-4, 240) should get the starting call at the middle backer position, with A-A redshirt freshman Stephen Anthony (6-3, 245) also in the picture here.

In the secondary, Indiana has all four 1998 starters back in the fold -- free safety Mike McGrath (6-0, 205, sr.), strong safety Justin Smith (6-0, 215, so.) and cornerbacks O.J. Spencer (5-11, 185, jr.) and Curtis Randle El (5-10, 190, sr.). They intercepted a total of seven passes last year. Also expected to log a lot of starting duty in this area is 1998 co-regular (at SS) Greg Yeldell (6-0, 195, so.), who picked off five enemy spirals last fall, and others in the deep zone picture are sophomore lettermen Sharrod Wallace (5-8, 180) and Maurice Tucker (5-11, 190), as well as A-A frosh recruit Michael Hanley (6-1, 180) and all-star JUCO transfers Johnny Anderson (5-11, 205, jr.) and Sherrod Moore (6-1, 200, jr.).

Junior placekicker Andy Payne (5-10, 190) is a big plus for this team. He has hit on 25 of 34 field goal tries over the last two seasons.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a very good football team that should be a helluva lot better than it was a year ago. Indiana's offense will be better-balanced and more productive than it was last season when it averaged

364 yards and 22 points per game, and the Hoosier stop troops will again be fairly tough to run on and not nearly as susceptible to enemy passers as they were in '98. All of which could easily add up to Indiana's first winning record in five years.

# IOWA

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	48
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	9
	Defense	7

A very weak running game and an overly generous defense doomed the Hawkeyes to a losing record in Hayden Fry's last season as Iowa's head coach last year, which is not how Fry wanted his illustrious career to end. But it's a new beginning now, and Fry's successor, Kirk Ferentz, is certain he can lead the Hawkeyes to glory during his stay in Iowa City. And we're certain he will, too -- but it's not gonna happen this year.

Offensively, the Hawkeyes have a lot of seasoned performers to comprise their aerial attack. Returning at quarterback are starter Kyle McCann (6-5, 205, so.) and co-regulars Randy Reiners (6-3, 210, sr.) and Scott Mullen (6-6, 215, jr.). A year ago, McCann completed 86 of 159 passes (54.1%) for 1,179 yards and two TDs, while Reiners and Mullen threw for a total of 832 yards and four scores. Also in the QB picture is super A-A frosh recruit Jon Beutjer (6-5, 195), who excelled as a prepster last season when he hit on 218 of 334 pass attempts (65.2%) for 3,939 yards and 60 touchdowns with only seven interceptions!

The receiving corps returns intact and is headed by sophomore flanker Kahlil Hill (6-3, 195) and senior split end Bashir Yamini (6-4, 195), who led the team with a combined 66 receptions last year. Also back at WR are co-regulars Ryan Barton (6-1, 185, jr.) and Kevin Kasper (6-1, 190, jr.), who snared a total of 30 tosses in '98, while the tight end position will again be shared by seniors Zeron Flemister (6-5, 250), Austin Wheatley (6-5, 260) and Jed Dull (6-3, 250), who caught an aggregate 20 passes last fall.

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## 1998 Iowa Final Statistics

	Iowa	Opp
Points per game	16	26
1st Downs	171	212
Rush Att	406	473
Rush Yards	890	2060
Avg Rush	2.2	4.4
Pass Comp	153	158
Pass Att	303	296
Pass Yds	2045	2328
Had Int	15	12
Off Yds per game	267	399

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	C Michigan	(-34 1/2)	W	38-0
12	Iowa St	(-28)	L	9-27
19	at Arizona	(+11 1/2)	L	11-35
26	at Illinois	(-10)	W	37-14
O. 3	Michigan	(+9)	W	9-12
10	Northwestern	(-10)	L	26-24
17	at Indiana	(+3)	L	7-14
24	Wisconsin	(+6 1/2)	L	0-31
31	at Purdue	(+14)	L	14-36
N. 14	Ohio St	(+25 1/2)	L	14-45
21	at Minnesota	(+7)	L	7-49

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game will be sophomore halfback Ladell Betts (5-11, 205), who ran for a team-leading 679 yards and five touchdowns in '98. He'll be supported by lettermen Doug Miller (5-11, 205, r.) and Robbie Crockett (6-0, 205, so.), as well as super A-A frosh recruit Aaron Greving (5-11, 195), one of the top RBs in the prep ranks last season when he ran for 2,269 yards and 22 TDs on 251 carries (a 9.0 avg!). Another super A-A frosh recruit, Erik Jensen (6-3, 245), will challenge incumbent Rob Thein (6-0, 230, sr.) for starting rights at fullback. A powerhouse runner and blocker, Jensen averaged almost seven yards per carry while running for 1,463 yards and 24 touchdowns as a prepster last year. Also in the FB picture is impressive sophomore letterman Jeremy Allen (6-1, 235).

The offensive interior line should be more effective than it was a year ago. Leading the charge here are tackle Ben Sobieski (6-6, 310, jr.) and guard Matt Rogers (6-5, 295, sr.), while 1998 seven-game starters Chad Deal (6-5, 295, sr.) and Alonzo Cunningham (6-4, 295, so.) will fill the vacant center and tackle slots. The guard post opposite Rogers will be manned by senior letterman Jay Bickford (6-4, 295), with backup support in the blocking corps coming from JUCO transfer A.J. Blazek (6-2, 285, jr.), senior Glen Giesen (6-6, 320), sophomore David Porter (6-8, 310) and A-A redshirt freshmen Andy Lightfoot (6-7, 295) and David Walters (6-4, 280).

Defensively, Iowa boasts a very good linebacking corps that's headed by sophomore ILB Aaron Kampman (6-4, 245), who was outstanding as a true freshman last season when he made 49 tackles, including eight for minus yardage and six QB sacks. Also returning to his starting post here is senior OLB Ryan Loftin (6-4, 255), while 1998

co-regular Anthony Herron (6-5, 280, so.) will man the other outside backer post. The inside backer berth opposite Kampman is being fought for by 1998 co-regulars Travis Senters (6-3, 240, sr.), Raj Clark (6-2, 250, sr.) and Roger Meyer (6-3, 260, so.), and a huge plus at ILB will be the healthy return of former starter and all-star Vernon Rollins (6-3, 250, sr.), who's been shelved by injuries the last two years. And lest we forget, backup support at the OLB positions will come from lettermen LaVar Woods (6-3, 260, jr.), Tariq Peterson (6-3, 240, sr.) and Cody O'Hare (6-4, 250, so.).

Up front, the three-man trench will be anchored by senior Ed Saidat (6-7, 290), who last year made 33 tackles with 11 for minus yardage and five QB sacks. The other two D-line slots will be filled by lettermen Skip Miller (6-4, 280, jr.) and Jerry Montgomery (6-3, 300, so.), while the top reserves in this area will be senior Corey Brown (6-2, 290) and junior Cory Bern (6-3, 315).

The secondary welcomes back three senior starters -- strong safety Matt Bowen (6-3, 200) and cornerbacks Joe Slattery (6-0, 190) and Tarig Holman (6-0, 195). They picked off a total of six passes last season. Junior letterman Ryan Hansen (6-2, 205) is expected to take over at strong safety, while others in the hunt for playing time in the deep zones are sophomore lettermen D.J. Johnson (5-11, 185), Matt Stockdale (5-11, 190), Shane Hall (6-0, 195) and Mikkel Brown (5-10, 190), as well as JUCO transfers Derek Davison (6-2, 235, jr.) and Cameron Smith (6-1, 195, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With an improved ground game and a very respectable passing attack at its disposal, Iowa's offense should easily surpass its 1998 output of 267

yards and 16 points per game, while its defense figures to be less yielding than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 399 yards and 26 points per outing. Despite such anticipated improvement, however, we believe the Hawkeyes will fall short of a winning record this year. But watch out for them in the near future!

## ILLINOIS

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
		Defense 10

As **GAMEPLAN** predicted, Illinois was an improved football team last season when Head Coach Ron Turner led his charges to three victories as they played to a much higher level of respectability than they did two years ago. And the Fighting Illini will give an even better account of themselves this season.

Offensively, it all starts at quarterback, and Illinois figures to go with senior Kirk Johnson (6-3, 205) at this all-important position. Starting only the last three games of the '98 campaign, Johnson completed 55 of 89 passes (61.8%) for 427 yards and three touchdowns. Breathing down Johnson's neck will be sophomore Kurt Kittner (6-3, 210), who threw for 782 yards last fall, and promising redshirt freshman Walter Young (6-5, 210), an excellent passer with a good set of wheels.

The receiving corps is two-deep in returning regulars at all three positions. Seniors Larry Davis (5-10, 180) and Michael Dean (6-2, 175), who caught a combined 35 passes for 505 yards in '98, are back at split end, while the flanker post will

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## 1998 Illinois Final Statistics

	Illinois	Opp
Points per game	14	30
1st Downs	166	231
Rush Att	406	460
Rush Yards	1560	1689
Avg Rush	3.8	3.7
Pass Comp	165	199
Pass Att	355	357
Pass Yds	1607	2385
Had Int	14	12
Off Yds per game	288	370

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Washington St	(+12 1/2)	W	13-20
12	M Tennessee St	(NL)		48-20
19	Louisville	(-6 1/2)	L	9-35
26	Iowa	(+10)	L	14-37
O. 3	at Northwestern	(+14)	W	13-10
10	Ohio St	(+36 1/2)	L	0-41
17	Wisconsin	(+21 1/2)	L	3-37
24	at Purdue	(+24)	L	9-42
31	at Penn St	(+33 1/2)	W	0-27
N. 7	Indiana	(+14)	W	31-16
21	at Michigan St	(+20 1/2)	L	9-41

again be shared by seniors Lenny Willis (5-9, 180) and Terrance Smalls (5-7, 170), who snared an aggregate 37 spirals last season. Sharing the tight end berth once more will be Brian Hodges (6-4, 260, so.) and Josh Whitman (6-4, 250, jr.), who caught a total of 17 passes in '98.

The ground game is powered by alternating halfbacks Steve Havard (5-10, 205, sr.) and Rocky Harvey (5-9, 180, so.), who ran for a combined 1,256 yards and 11 touchdowns on a total of 258 carries (a 4.9 avg.) last year. They're backstopped by sophomore letterman Jameel Cook (6-0, 220), while the strong-blocking duo of Elmer Hickman (6-1, 230, sr.) and Chris Hoffman (6-2, 235, sr.) will again run 1-2 at fullback. Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt around two returning starters -- guard Ray Redziniak (6-3, 295, jr.) and tackle Marques Sullivan (6-5, 320, jr.). The new starters in the O-line will be lettermen Luke Butkus (6-4, 295, so.), Jay Kulaga (6-5, 315, so.) and Chip Nicastro (6-6, 310, sr.) at center, guard and tackle, respectively.

The Illinois defense was more than decent last season and will be a bit tougher to penetrate this time around. Especially an outstanding linebacking corps headed by senior OLB Danny Clark (6-2, 230), who last year intercepted two passes, broke up seven others and made a team-leading 115 tackles, including 10 for minus yardage. He's strongly supported by junior letterman Mon Long (6-2, 220), while juniors Mike Young (6-2, 230) and Eric Garrett (6-2, 240) will again run 1-2 at the other outside backer post. Back to share the MLB position are Eric Guenther (6-2, 240, sr.) and Robert Franklin (6-2, 240, jr.), who made a combined 108 tackles in '98.

The four-man front wall is anchored by senior end Rameel Connor (6-3, 270), who made 35

tackles with 10 for minus yardage last season. Sharing the other flank post once more will be juniors Jason Eberhart (6-3, 270) and Fred Wakefield (6-7, 275), while Mike McGee (6-3, 290, sr.) and Karleton Thomas (6-5, 285, jr.) will again run 1-2 at one tackle position. The other tackle slot will be filled by either 1998 co-regular Brandon Moore (6-3, 285, so.) or powerful senior letterman Matt Carlton (6-6, 320), while reserve support in the D-line will come from senior letterman Seth Tesdell (6-3, 275), sophomore Robby Long (6-3, 265) and impressive redshirt freshman Tim McGill (6-3, 275).

Senior cornerback Asim Pleas (5-10, 180) is the head honcho of the secondary. A year ago, he made 60 tackles and picked off three enemy passes. Senior Tony Francis (6-2, 200) returns to the other CB position, while Bobby Jackson (6-1, 205, jr.) and Muhammad Abdullah (6-1, 195, so.) are also back at their starting posts at strong safety and free safety, respectively. The leading backups in the deep zones are projected to be lettermen Anthony Hurd (5-10, 175, so.) and Johnny Rogers (5-9, 170, sr.), as well as A-A JUCO transfer Trayvon Waller (6-3, 190, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Marc Jackson (6-1, 185).

The kicking game will again be handled by placement specialist Neil Rackers (6-0, 195, sr.) and punter Steve Fitts (6-0, 180, so.). Rackers hit on 7 of 10 field goal tries last year, while Fitts averaged 41.3 yards per boot on 77 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** An improved ground game and a more productive aerial attack will add up to an offensive output that'll exceed the 288 yards and 14 points per game that Illinois averaged last season. On the stop side, this team won't be as generous as it was a year ago when it surrendered averages of 370 yards and 30 points per outing. All of which leads us to believe that Illinois should have a good shot at surpassing its 1998 win total. And we believe it!

## NORTHWESTERN

(3-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	22
	Returning	39
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 6
		Defense 6

As we predicted, the Wildcats took it on their collective chins last season as they were done in by an impotent offense that would've had trouble scoring in a brothel! And then, Gary Barnett took off for Colorado. Enter Randy Walker, whose first stint as head coach at Northwestern will be as much of a downer as Barnett's swan song season.

Junior Gavin Hoffman (6-5, 240) returns as Northwestern's starting quarterback. He did a decent job in his first season as a starter last year when he completed 176 of 323 passes (54.5%) for 2,199 yards and 13 touchdowns with 14 interceptions. He'll be supported by junior letterman Nick Kreinbrink (6-2, 220), who threw for 189 yards and one TD in '98, and Notre Dame transfer Zak Kustok (6-1, 210), who did not play last season.

The receiving corps will be rebuilt around senior tight end Jay Tant (6-3, 255), who caught 30 passes for 327 yards and two touchdowns last year. He'll again be supported by senior John Cerasani (6-4, 270), while the two WR positions will be fought for by lettermen Aaron Burrell (6-1, 205, sr.), Phil Miller (6-5, 210, sr.), Tyrone Gooch (5-10, 200, sr.), Rob Johnson (6-2, 210, jr.) and Teddy Johnson (5-11, 185, jr.), as well as A-A frosh recruit Jon Schweighardt (5-10, 175).

## 1998 Northwestern Final Statistics

	Northwestern	Opp
Points per game	18	28
1st Downs	197	229
Rush Att	440	508
Rush Yards	1119	1950
Avg Rush	2.5	3.8
Pass Comp	195	180
Pass Att	367	338
Pass Yds	2427	2480
Had Int	18	15
Off Yds per game	296	369

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	UNLV	(-17)	W	41-7
12	Duke	(-12 1/2)	L	10-44
10	at Rice	(+5)	W	23-14
26	at Wisconsin	(+12)	L	7-38
O. 3	Illinois	(-14)	L	10-13
10	at Iowa	(+10)	W	24-26
17	Michigan	(+14)	W	6-12
24	Ohio St	(+29)	W	10-36
31	at Michigan St	(+10)	L	5-29
N. 7	Purdue	(+13 1/2)	L	21-56
14	at Penn St	(+24)	L	10-41
21	at Hawaii	(-16 1/2)	W	47-21

Another A-A frosh recruit, Chris Brown (6-3, 210), will be heard from at tailback where he'll team with incumbents Damien Anderson (5-11, 200, jr.), Brian Marshall (5-10, 210, jr.) and Sam Simmons (5-10, 205, so.), who ran for a combined 957 yards and five touchdowns last fall. Senior letterman Ian Miller (5-10, 240) should get the starting call at fullback, where sophomore Chris Stiernagle (6-2, 225) is also very much in the picture.

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Adam Fay (6-4, 305, jr.), guard Lance Clelland (6-5, 310, jr.) and tackle Leon Brockmeier (6-7, 295, jr.). Former starter Brian Hemmerle (6-6, 320, sr.) should fill the vacant guard slot, while senior letterman Jack Harnedy (6-7, 305) hopes to man the tackle post opposite Brockmeier. Also looking to log extensive playing time in the O-line will be experienced lettermen Joe Collins (6-8, 305, jr.), Ty Garner (6-3, 305, sr.), Blake Henry (6-6, 295, so.), Wayne Lucier (6-4, 285, so.), Mark Perry (6-4, 280, sr.) and Mike Souza (6-6, 295, jr.).

Sizing up the stop troops, we'll start with a four-man trench that'll be anchored by end Dwayne Missouri (6-5, 260, sr.) and tackle Darryl Hodge (6-3, 285, sr.), who last year made a combined 69 tackles, including 13 for minus yardage with five quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Javari Collins (6-6, 310, sr.) and senior letterman Jeff Dyra (6-4, 295) are first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot, while junior letterman Salem Simon (6-4, 260) is expected to take over at the flank spot opposite Missouri. Also in the D-line picture are junior Pete Konopka (6-4, 250) and senior Gladston Taylor (6-5, 270).

The ringleaders of the linebacking corps will be seniors Conrad Emmerich (6-5, 260) and Preston Letts (6-2, 245), who recorded an aggregate 135 tackles last fall. Expected to man the third backer post is junior letterman Napoleon Harris (6-3, 235), who made 32 tackles in '98, while backup support in this area will come from sophomore lettermen Kevin Bentley (6-1, 230) and Billy Silva (6-3, 235), as well as heralded redshirt freshman Chris Jones (6-2, 245).

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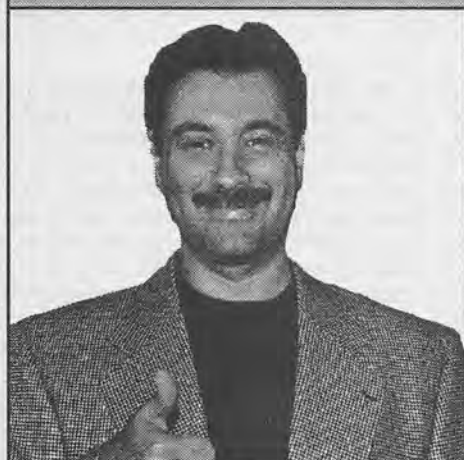
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Harold Blackmon (6-0, 200, sr.) and Mycal Jones (5-11, 205, jr.) at cornerback and strong safety, respectively. Senior lettermen Kyle Sanders (5-10, 205) and Rashad Morton (5-11, 210) are the leading candidates to start at free safety, while the cornerback post opposite Blackmon is expected to be fought for by junior letterman Shgun Cummings (5-11, 195) and super frosh recruits Bran-

don Evans (5-11, 185) and Jaison Cook (6-0, 180).

Junior J.J. Standing (6-0, 205) is back to do the punting for Northwestern. He did it very well last season when he averaged 41.5 yards per kick on 78 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** A weak running game and inexperience at the wide receiver positions will handicap Northwestern's

offense to the extent that it will barely surpass its 1998 output of 296 yards and 18 points per game. On the stop side, the Wildcats will fare a little better since this unit appears to be a bit stronger than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 369 yards and 28 points per game. All told, the Cats will be lucky to claw their way to three or four wins this season.

# MIDWEST INDEPENDENT

## NOTRE DAME

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	23
	Returning	38
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 4
		Defense 7

In preparing his charges for the upcoming campaign, Head Coach Bob Davie is worried that his offense may not be able to measure up to its 1998 counterpart. And well he should be since Notre Dame's attack corps lost seven starters to graduation, including its top running back, its top receiver and four starters in the offensive line. But Notre Dame does have talented quarterback Jarious Jackson and a veteran defense returning to serve as a springboard to another big season. Which is exactly what we expect the Irish to have!

Jackson (6-1, 230, sr.) gave a great account of himself in his first season as Notre Dame's starting quarterback last year when he completed 104 of 188 passes (55.3%) for 1,740 yards and 13 touchdowns with just six interceptions. He also ran for 441 yards and three TDs on 113 carries (a 3.9 avg.). As far as reserve support at QB is concerned, the Irish better go to church every day and pray that Jackson doesn't get hurt because his two backups, Arnaz Battle (6-1, 210, so.) and Eric Chappell (6-4, 225, sr.), demonstrated in brief appearances last season that they're not worthy of their scholarships!

The receiving corps will be headed by incumbents Bobby Brown (6-2, 195, sr.) and Jabari Holloway (6-4, 260, jr.) at flanker and tight end,

respectively. A year ago, they caught a combined 28 passes for 548 yards and three scores. The vacant split end position is being fought for by 1998 co-regulars Joey Getherall (5-7, 175, jr.) and Raki Nelson (5-11, 185, sr.), who snared an aggregate 24 tosses for 414 yards and three TDs last fall. The primary reserves in this area will be TE Dan O'Leary (6-4, 255, sr.) and WR Jay Johnson (6-0, 190, sr.), who caught a total of seven passes in '98.

Trying to fill Autry Denson's big shoes at tailback will be junior Tony Driver (6-1, 215), a co-starter at strong safety last season who lettered as a TB two years ago. Also in the tailback picture are '98 lettermen Tony Fisher (6-2, 225, so.) and Darcey Levy (6-2, 215, jr.), while 1998 co-regular Joey Goodspeed (6-0, 245, sr.) will take over at fullback where he'll be strongly supported by junior Jason Murray (6-1, 260) and sophomore Tom Lopienski (6-1, 260).

The offensive interior line will be rebuilt around its lone returning starter -- senior center John Merandi (6-3, 305). 1998 three-game starter Mike Gandy (6-4, 295, sr.) will fill one of the guard slots, with Kurt Vollers (6-7, 310, jr.), Jim Jones (6-3, 310, sr.) and Jeff Roehl (6-5, 300) banging heads for starting rights at the other guard post. The two tackle berths will be manned by '98 lettermen John Teasdale (6-6, 310, jr.) and Matt Brennan (6-6, 310, sr.) and they'll be pushed by junior Casey Robin (6-7, 315) and sophomores Ryan Scarda (6-5, 310) and Jordan Black (6-6, 315). Three newcomers who could be heard from right away in the O-line are A-A frosh recruits Jeff Faine (6-3, 315), Ryan Gillis (6-3, 320) and Sean Milligan (6-4, 300).

The strength of Notre Dame's defense is a four-man front wall that boasts returning starters and superior backups at every position. The four incumbent regulars are ends Lamont Bryant (6-3, 270, sr.) and Anthony Weaver (6-3, 270, so.), and tackles Brad Williams (6-4, 295, sr.) and Lance Legree (6-1, 300, sr.). A year ago, this quartet made a combined 143 tackles, including 28 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. Supplying super depth once more will be ends Grant Irons (6-5, 270, jr.) and Jason Ching (6-3, 265, sr.), and tackles Antwon Jones (6-2, 285, sr.) and B.J. Scott (6-3, 275, sr.), who last season recorded an aggregate 75 stops with seven for minus yardage and three QB sacks.

All three starters were lost at linebacker, so Coach Davie has some work to do in rebuilding this unit. He'll start with junior Anthony Denman (6-2, 235) at the ILB position. Denman saw a lot of playing time last year as he made 28 tackles with three quarterback sacks. Lettermen Joey Ferrer (6-2, 240, sr.) and Rocky Boiman (6-4, 245, so.) figure to man the two outside backer posts, with reserve support in this area coming from sophomores Tyreo Harrison (6-2, 235) and Carlos

Pierre-Antoine (6-3, 245), as well as A-A frosh recruits Pat Ryan (6-3, 230) and Justin Thomas (6-2, 235).

The secondary needs to become more aggressive and less yielding than it was a year ago. Trying their best to see that it does will be incumbent cornerbacks Deveron Harper (5-11, 190, sr.) and Brock Williams (5-10, 190, jr.), as will Ajani Sanders (5-10, 195, sr.) and Deke Cooper (6-2, 220, sr.), who split starting time at free safety last year but will fill the two safety slots this time around. Expected to contribute as key reserves in the deep zones are lettermen Lee Lafayette (5-9, 195, sr.), Ron Israel (6-0, 205, jr.) and Justin Smith (5-11, 190, jr.), as well as A-A frosh recruit Jerome Sapp (6-0, 210).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** In tackling a very difficult schedule this season, the Fighting Irish will be doing so with an offensive unit that doesn't figure to be as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 383 yards and 27 points per game. It will, however, be good enough to serve as a very good complement to what should be a stingy defense that'll be tougher than nails to run on and a bit less yielding to enemy passers than it was last season. All of which should add up to at least seven or eight wins and another bowl invitation.

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Points per game	27	19
1st Downs	217	220
Rush Att	507	445
Rush Yards	2338	1560
Avg Rush	4.6	3.5
Pass Comp	113	193
Pass Att	214	330
Pass Yds	1869	2259
Had Int	11	12
Off Yds per game	383	347

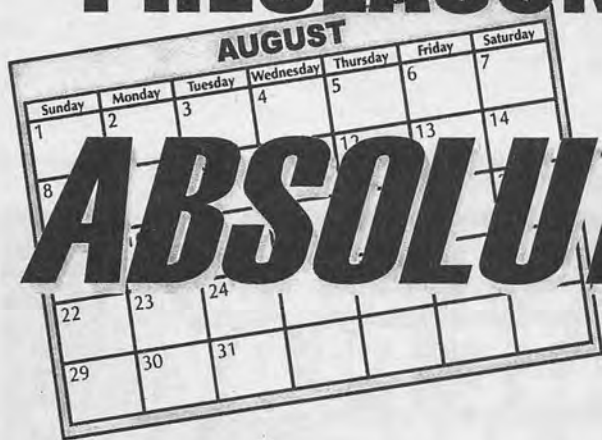
### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Michigan	(+6)	W	36-20
12	at Michigan St.	(-7)	L	23-45
26	Purdue	(-7)	L	31-30
O. 3	Stanford	(-17 1/2)	W	35-17
10	at Arizona St.	(+3 1/2)	W	28-9
24	Army	(-25)	L	20-17
31	Baylor	(-14 1/2)	W	27-3
N. 7	at Boston College	(-11)	L	31-26
14	at Navy	(-20 1/2)	W	30-0
21	Louisiana St.	(-3)	P	39-36
28	at Southern Cal	(+8 1/2)	L	0-10
J. 1	vs Georgia Tech	(+3)	L	28-35



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### MARSHALL

(12-1-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	30
	Returning	60
	STARTERS RETURNING	9
	Offense	
	Defense	10

The Thundering Herd continued its impressive streak last fall as the winningest football team in the decade, roaring to a 12-1 record, another MAC Championship and the school's first-ever bowl victory (49-28 over Louisville in the Motor City Bowl). And with eight returning All-MAC performers among their 19 holdover starters, Marshall is primed for an even bigger season ahead!

One of the principal reasons for that glowing forecast is the return of senior quarterback Chad Pennington (6-3, 220), the only one of 10 nominees for last year's Davey O'Brien Award for the nation's top college QB who is still in school. Already the holder of a number of NCAA and MAC records, Pennington pitched for 3,830 yards and 28 touchdowns last season with just seven interceptions, hitting 65.1 percent of his passes and earning a phenomenal 152.9 efficiency rating. Soph Byron Leftwich (6-5, 205) will again back up Pennington.

There's a lot of experience at the receiving posts where junior John Cooper (6-5, 200) and senior Nate Poole (6-3, 185) are returning starters. Cooper had 33 catches a year ago with Poole grabbing 48 tosses for 616 yards and three TDs. Junior Lanier Washington (6-2, 190), who had 24 grabs and four scoring catches, will also see plenty of time at wide receiver, while veteran Greg Kellett (6-3, 230, so.) is the incumbent at tight end where he pulled down 13 aerials a year ago.

Last fall's top three running backs return for '99 action, including senior tailback Doug Chapman (5-10, 200), who racked up 1,265 yards and 17 TDs on the ground while catching 26 throws

for three more scores. Senior Llow Turner (6-0, 185), who gained 415 yards last fall, runs number two at tailback, with letterman Jason Balwanz (6-0, 190, sr.) also available off the bench.

There's just one hole to fill in the offensive interior line where center Jason Starkey (6-5, 280, sr.), guards Chris Scheuch (6-7, 340, sr.) and Jimmy Cabellos (6-4, 310, jr.) return along with All-MAC selection Mike Williams (6-5, 305, sr.) at tackle. Two-year lettermen Kevin Biggs (6-5, 305, jr.), Irv Dotson (6-5, 295, sr.) and Shaun Sanders (6-3, 280, sr.) are among the candidates to fill the vacancy up front.

Coach Bob Pruett is also pleased with the experience factor on the defensive side, where the only

gap to be plugged is at nose guard and 15 of last fall's top 16 tacklers are back in action. That spot will probably be filled by Jimmy Parker (6-4, 270, jr.), who played end last year when junior Paul Toviessi (6-7, 260) was forced to the sidelines by injuries. Toviessi will likely reclaim one DE spot, with the other belonging to senior Ron Puggi (6-4, 245), who had 85 hits last season, including 10 stops for minus yardage and five QB sacks. Also back up front is tackle Giradie Mercer (6-2, 275, sr.), a first team All-MAC pick in '98 as he piled up 96 tackles, including four sacks and 16 stops for negative yardage.

Back on duty at the linebacker slots are seniors Andre O'Neal (6-2, 235) and John Grace (5-11,

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	Marshall	Opp
Points per game	31	18
1st Downs	311	239
Rush Att	489	531
Rush Yards	1920	1608
Avg Rush	3.9	3.0
Pass Comp	304	223
Pass Att	469	410
Pass Yds	3915	2644
Had Int	9	18
Off Yds per game	449	327

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Akron	(-16 1/2)	L	27-16
12	Troy St	(NL)		42-12
19	at S Carolina	(+5)	W	24-21
26	at E Michigan	(-14 1/2)	L	26-23
O. 3	Miami, OH	(-2 1/2)	W	31-17
10	at Ohio	(-8 1/2)	L	30-23
17	Kent	(-36)	L	42-7
24	Ball St	(-30)	W	42-10
31	at Bowling Green	(-11 1/2)	L	13-34
N. 7	C Michigan	(-19)	W	28-0
21	Wofford	(NL)		29-27
D. 4	Toledo	(-12)	L	23-17
23	vs Louisville	(+3 1/2)	W	48-29



205) plus soph Max Yates (6-3, 235), who missed six games last year with a broken ankle. Grace was the Herd's top tackler with 143 stops, including 15 for minus yardage and four sacks, while O'Neal had 66 hits, nine of which were behind enemy lines. Seasoned backup support in the second line of defense will be provided by lettermen Trod Buggs (5-11, 220, so.) and George Miller (6-1, 215, jr.).

All-MAC free safety Rogers Beckett (6-3, 205, sr.) is top dog in a solid Marshall secondary, last year making 118 tackles along with three interceptions. Junior Doug Hodges (5-10, 185) holds over at strong safety, with the junior duo of Danielle Derricott (5-11, 170) and Maurice Hines (5-10, 175) returning to defend the corners. Derricott was another all-league choice in '98 as his six interceptions ranked second in the nation. Hines had two picks a year ago.

Billy Malashevich (5-11, 190), who made 16 of 23 field goal tries including game winners against South Carolina and Eastern Michigan, returns for his senior season, but Marshall is in the market for a new punter.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Herd opens the '99 campaign at Clemson in Coach Tommy Bowden's first game back in Death Valley, but after that, it could be smooth sailing for Coach Bob Pruett's grid machine. Not to say it'll be easy as the MAC is always competitive, but Marshall appears to have all the horses to power the Herd to a third straight league crown. Anything less would be a stunning upset for this motivated, veteran team!

## MIAMI, OHIO

(10-1-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	11
	Returning	41
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	10
	Defense	6

Despite an outstanding 10-1 finish, the '98 campaign left a sour taste in the RedHawks' beaks. That's because there was no post-season hardware or bowl invitation to show for their efforts! As Terry Hoeppner moves up to Miami head coach after 13 years as an assistant here, he doesn't have to worry about motivating his team for the upcoming grid wars as Miami is out to get what they feel is coming to 'em!

Again this season, Miami will focus its ground-oriented attack around All-MAC tailback Travis Prentice (6-1, 230, sr.), the nation's top returning collegiate rusher who gained 1,787 yards and scored 19 overland TDs last season, averaging 4.9 yards per carry. Prentice, who also had 11 receptions with one more score, is the MAC career scoring leader and is on pace to shatter as many as eight NCAA records set by '98 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams. Also returning to the RedHawk backfield is Prentice's favorite blocker, H-back Nick Monk (6-0, 240, jr.), with senior Marcus Smith (6-1, 240) and soph Steve Little (5-10, 210) working in relief of Monk and Prentice, respectively.

Back to call signals for Miami is junior quarterback Mike Bath (6-2, 225), who a year ago hit 51.7% of his passes for 1,500 yards and a dozen TDs with eight interceptions in his first year as the RedHawk starter. He'll get support from junior John Schacke (6-1, 200).

The only casualty on the attack side is the loss of career reception leader Jay Hall, but last year's leading pass catcher, senior Trevor Gaylor (6-4, 195), holds over at flanker where he pulled down

### 1998 Miami, OH Final Statistics

	Miami, Ohio	Opp
Points per game	29	13
1st Downs	205	192
Rush Att	545	470
Rush Yards	2480	1642
Avg Rush	4.6	3.5
Pass Comp	116	142
Pass Att	225	298
Pass Yds	1567	1659
Had Int	9	13
Off Yds per game	368	300

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at N Carolina	(+19)	W	13-10
12	at Army	(-7)	L	14-13
26	Toledo	(-6 1/2)	W	28-14
O. 3	at Marshall	(+2 1/2)	L	17-31
10	Bowling Green	(-14 1/2)	L	24-12
17	at Ball St	(-19)	L	28-17
24	at Cincinnati	(-14)	W	41-0
31	Ohio	(-10)	W	35-21
N. 7	at N Illinois	(-15)	W	41-10
14	Kent	(-34 1/2)	W	56-0
21	at Akron	(-15 1/2)	L	20-14

38 spirals for 653 yards and five touchdowns in '98. Junior Sly Johnson (5-9, 185) will operate at the other wideout after making 11 catches last fall. Backing up the starting wide receivers will be juniors Ty Buxton (5-9, 180) and Nate Sexton (6-1, 200). Junior Mike Sullivan (6-4, 260) is the incumbent at tight end, and he'll be backstopped by soph Robert Frazier (6-4, 250).

A major plus for the RedHawk attack is the return of all five starters along the offensive interior line. Senior Chris Kalafatis (6-4, 295) is at center, seniors Bob Beinecke (6-3, 270) and Chris Huelsman (6-5, 300) return at the guard posts and soph Phil Hawk (6-4, 315) and junior Alex Sulfsted (6-5, 315) are the incumbents at the tackles.

The RedHawks' best defensive player is senior outside linebacker Dustin Cohen (6-4, 240), who received some A-A mention last year as he led the MAC in tackles with 146 and picked off four enemy passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Senior Mike Yeager (6-4, 225) takes over at the other OLB spot, with soph Matt Edwards (6-2, 235) moving into the MLB position. Junior Robert Jordan (6-2, 225) is a key backer reserve.

Up front, Miami figures to be in good shape where senior James Bratcher (6-2, 290) and junior Andy Aracri (6-1, 280) return at the tackle posts. Soph Bob Petrovic (6-4, 255) and redshirt freshman Kurt Mester (6-4, 265) appear to have won the starting nods at the flanks, with junior Joe Lyman (6-1, 260) pressing hard for playing time at DE.

Last year's RedHawk pass defense was among the nation's best, and it should be just as grudging this time around. Back to work the corners again are Michael Adams (5-9, 190, so.) and Brandon Godsey (5-11, 200, jr.). Godsey made 64 tackles last season and had two picks. Seniors Versellias Hammond (6-3, 215) and Bryan McCullough (6-0, 205) have apparently earned starting rights at the strong and free safety positions after sharing the SS spot last year. Junior DeMarrio Jones (5-11, 190) and soph Rod Clark (5-8, 195) head the secondary reserve crew.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Miami is excited about the '99 season and they've got a lot

of reasons why as Terry Hoeppner takes over as head coach for Randy Walker, the new bossman at Northwestern. This is a very solid program (Walker leaves as Miami's winningest coach ever!) that despite the loss of some defensive stalwarts should be very much in the thick of things for MAC honors this year!

## BOWLING GREEN

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	10
	Returning	29
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	7

The Falcons won four of their final five outings last fall to finish 5-3 in MAC action, a fine showing that has BGU faithful promoting their heroes as league title contenders this time out. And although he may not say it publicly, the return of 15 starters from a year ago also has Coach Gary Blackney thinking big!

The only real question mark on the attack side is at quarterback where Ricky Schneider (6-2, 210, sr.) returns as the heir apparent to departed standout Bob Niemet. Schneider had four starts last fall, completing 53.4% of his passes for 649 yards and four scores with four INTs. Beyond Schneider, however, there's little if any experience to speak of.

Both of last fall's top wideouts are back in action after fine freshman showings. Kurt Gerling (6-2, 185, so.) earned MAC frosh of the year honors as he grabbed 34 tosses for 656 yards and six TDs, averaging a healthy 19.3 yards per reception, while Robert Redd (5-11, 175, so.) made 17 grabs for 317 yards and one score, averaging 18.6 yards a catch. Soph Aaron Alexander (6-1, 190) will be the primary backup at WR, with senior three-year letterman Kevin Steinke (6-3, 250) stepping right into the vacancy at tight end.

Soph Godfrey Lewis (5-9, 185) and senior Steve Holmes (5-10, 190) are due to share time at tailback, with senior Brent Martin (6-1, 225) the incumbent at fullback. Lewis led last year's Falcons with 753 yards on the ground with two TD carries, with Holmes adding 384 yards and three scoring runs. Martin had 295 yards gained and two scores. Soph John Gibson (5-11, 210)

### 1998 Bowling Green Final Statistics

	Bowling Green	Opp
Points per game	27	28
1st Downs	232	198
Rush Att	546	412
Rush Yards	2367	1759
Avg Rush	4.3	4.3
Pass Comp	125	174
Pass Att	249	288
Pass Yds	1663	2435
Had Int	11	4
Off Yds per game	366	381

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Missouri	(+26)	L	0-37
12	at Penn St	(+36 1/2)	L	3-48
26	C Florida	(+20)	W	31-38
O. 3	Ohio	(+8 1/2)	W	35-7
10	at Miami, OH	(+14 1/2)	W	12-24
17	at Toledo	(+10)	W	16-24
24	Kent	(-20 1/2)	W	42-21
31	Marshall	(+11 1/2)	W	34-13
N. 7	Akron	(-7 1/2)	W	58-21
14	at W Michigan	(-2)	L	27-56
21	at N Illinois	(-9 1/2)	W	34-23



will also see time at tailback.

Coach Blackney has great expectations for his offensive interior line that returns all five regulars from a year ago -- center Doug Dorley (6-4, 295, sr.), guards Eric Curl (6-2, 280, jr.) and Mark Kautzman (6-4, 290, sr.), plus tackles Chad McCarthy (6-4, 280, sr.) and Rob Fehrman (6-7, 295, jr.). McCarthy is entering his fourth year as a regular.

On the stop side, where the Falcons showed continued improvement throughout last fall, the linebacking crew figures to be a team strength. Senior Joe O'Neill (6-2, 225) will again be the team leader after topping the BGU tackle charts last season with 95 hits. He'll be stationed at OLB this fall, with soph Chris Della Vella (6-1, 225) in the middle and classmates Garry Fisher (5-11, 215) and Khary Campbell (6-1, 215) splitting time again at the other outside berth. Senior Eric Jones (5-11, 230) is a key LB backup.

In the trench, junior end D.J. Durkin (6-2, 245) is the lone returnee from a year ago, but he led the Falcons with eight tackles for minus yardage and four QB sacks. The terminal opposite Durkin will be patrolled by senior Abasi Thomas (6-1, 235), with junior Brandon Hicks (6-1, 250) at nose guard. Battling to fill the vacancy at defensive tackle are soph Malcolm Robinson (6-4, 280) and JUCO transfer Rodney Dawson (6-3, 265, jr.).

Soph safeties Chad Long (6-0, 185) and Karl Rose (6-0, 180) will be the ringleaders in the Bowling Green secondary. Long had 93 tackles last season and earned some Freshman All-America honors, while Rose started eight games and recorded 60 tackles and one INT. Battling for starting rights at the two cornerback positions are ex-wide receivers Will Sullivan (5-9, 170, sr.) and Matt Bunsey (5-10, 170, jr.), junior Ken Dobbs (6-0, 170) and soph Chris Hubbard (5-7, 170), a former tailback who sat out all of last season with a knee injury.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Bowling Green has been one of the MAC's winningest programs, and four straight sub-500 finishes don't sit too well with the Falcons. This should be the year Gary Blackney gets his charges back on a winning track. With a run-oriented attack that'll put up 30 ppg and a defense that's better than last fall's statistics indicate, Bowling Green will be flexing its muscles in conference play this season!

## AKRON

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	49
	STARTERS RETURNING	6
	Defense	7

The numbers don't tell the whole story for last year's Zips. Coach Lee Owens' fourth edition of Akron gridders were just 4-7 on the campaign, but lost four contests by a combined total of 17 points and dropped all their matchups with the MAC's top four teams by a total of 25 points!

If the Zips are to flirt with a winning record in '99, continued improvement on the attack side is a must. Akron outgained '98 foes by a slim margin after three straight seasons of finishing on the negative side of the offensive ledger. Back to direct Akron's balanced attack is record-setting quarterback James "Butchie" Washington (6-0, 210, jr.), who destroyed 11 school passing marks and the Zips' total offense record last year as he threw for 1,958 yards with eight TDs while running for 207 yards with two scores.

## 1998 Akron Final Statistics

	Akron	Opp
Points per game	24	27
1st Downs	217	226
Rush Att	478	512
Rush Yards	2059	2172
Avg Rush	4.3	4.2
Pass Comp	156	133
Pass Att	314	250
Pass Yds	2064	1943
Had Int	8	4
Off Yds per game	375	374

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Marshall	(+16 1/2)	W	16-27
12	at Temple	(+9 1/2)	W	35-28
26	Ball St	(-7 1/2)	W	52-14
O. 3	at Pittsburgh	(+12)	L	0-35
10	at Kent	(-9)	W	45-16
17	at Ohio	(+5 1/2)	L	14-28
24	Toledo	(+5)	L	17-24
31	at Michigan	(+2)	W	27-28
N. 7	at Bowling Green	(+7 1/2)	L	21-58
14	E Michigan	(-8 1/2)	L	24-21
21	Miami, OH	(+15 1/2)	W	14-20

All-star candidate Lavel Bailey (5-10, 180, jr.) is back at flanker where he reeled in 41 throws with one scoring grab a year ago. Letterman Jake Schifino (6-2, 200, so.), who had 16 catches with two TDs in '98, moves up to the starting post at wide receiver. Soph Tim Ritley (6-3, 245) is penciled in as the new regular at tight end.

Last year's top ground gainer, Greg Lomax (861 yards, 13 TDs, 5.3 average), is gone, and the battle to fill the tailback slot matches letter winners Bo Hunter (5-9, 190, sr.) and junior Jimmie Gray (5-7, 165), with holdover regular Raschi Culler (5-10, 230, sr.) back on duty at fullback. Culler had 385 yards rushing last fall with four TDs.

Coach Owens has some big holes to fill in his offensive interior line, but he's got some seasoned veterans ready to step up to the starting lineup. Scott Smith (6-4, 275, so.) has his eyes set on filling the vacancy at center, while junior Joe Trudeau (6-8, 300) has first dibs on the vacant quick tackle post. They'll join holdover starters Jeff Grzeskowiak (6-5, 310, so.) at strong tackle and the guard combo of Dan Wessman (6-2, 290, sr.) and Steve Hale (6-3, 325, sr.).

There's a trio of returning regulars in the Zips' defensive front wall, Ade Edwards (6-4, 255, jr.) at DE, nose tackle Jermaine Williams (6-2, 290, jr.) and tackle Ron Smith (6-4, 285, sr.). That trio registered 17 stops for minus yardage a year ago. Top candidates to round out the D-line are Derek Wilborn (6-0, 225, jr.), Jacob Thompson (6-3, 250, jr.), Jason Wiggins (6-4, 260, jr.) and Ray Pung (6-0, 215, sr.).

Spearheading play in the second line of defense will be returning regular George Cameron (6-0, 225, sr.), who had 66 hits year ago with seven stops for minus yardage. Senior Louis Mackey (6-2, 215) appears to have a lock on one of the vacancies at linebacker, with senior James Cochran (6-2, 220) and redshirt freshman Cedric Golphin (6-1, 210) also bidding for regular work.

The Zips secondary could prove to be a team strength, with the safety duo of SS Nate Johnson (6-1, 195, sr.) and FS Jon Eaton (6-2, 200, sr.) back in harness along with cornerback Rich Reliford (5-9, 180, jr.). Johnson had 67 tackles last

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season, including eight for minus yardage. Junior Dwight Smith (5-11, 200) will likely open at the other CB slot after serving as a top backup in '98.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Last year's Akron gridders were the most competitive bunch of Lee Owens' tenure, but the Zips remain a team that needs to learn how to win. The Akron attack shapes up this fall as a well-balanced force led by standout QB Butchie Washington that should exceed last year's production of nearly 375 yards per game, and the D-squad will be even tougher than last year's unit that finished in the top half of the MAC standings in scoring and pass defense. Akron seems certain to improve on last fall's 2-6 MAC finish this time out!

## OHIO U.

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	34
	STARTERS RETURNING	4
	Defense	5

After just four seasons at the helm, Coach Jim Grobe has made his Bobcats a force in the MAC. Ohio racked up its third straight winning season in the MAC last fall, and that's fueled thoughts the Bobcats could be a challenger in the league title race this season.

If that's to happen, the attack will have to continue to be productive despite losing some key players this year, including the first and second-leading rushers in school history in QB Kareem Wilson and TB Steveland Hookfin. Coach Grobe thinks Wilson's replacement at quarterback will be sophomore Dan Jordan (6-1, 190), who served as the primary backup a year ago. He's a good passer but not the runner Wilson was and that's a concern in Ohio's ground-oriented attack that netted 277.6 yards per game last season. Junior David Murphy (6-2, 190), a solid runner who's been out the last two years with a bad back, will support Jordan.

Senior Derrick Jenkins (5-8, 160), who's played QB his first two seasons at Ohio, will likely be at split end this fall. Redshirt freshmen Joe Mohler (6-3, 180) and Jason Caesar (5-9, 170) will also see time at the receiving spots. Senior Drew Dwyer (6-4, 240) will start for the fourth year at tight end, where he'll get help from

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## 1998 Ohio Final Statistics

	Ohio	Opp
Points per game	24	28
1st Downs	211	197
Rush Att	680	405
Rush Yards	3054	1426
Avg Rush	4.5	3.5
Pass Comp	31	176
Pass Att	85	305
Pass Yds	600	2303
Had Int	7	11
Off Yds per game	332	339

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	at N Carolina St	(+12 1/2)	W	31-34
12	at Wisconsin	(+16 1/2)	L	0-45
19	E Carolina	(+1 1/2)	L	14-21
26	at W Michigan	(-3 1/2)	L	37-35
O. 3	at Bowling Green	(-8 1/2)	L	7-35
10	Marshall	(+8 1/2)	W	23-30
17	Akron	(-5 1/2)	W	28-14
31	at Miami, OH	(+10)	L	21-35
N. 7	E Michigan	(-13 1/2)	W	49-21
14	N Illinois	(-17)	L	28-12
21	at Kent	(-23 1/2)	L	31-21

promising redshirt freshman Randy Pennington (6-3, 235).

There's a free-for-all under way to fill the backfield spots vacated by Hookfin and fullback Sid Hall. The combatants include redshirt freshmen Chad Brinker (5-11, 185) and Joe Sherrill (6-1, 205), Keith Brooks (5-10, 215, jr.), Jamel Patterson (6-1, 200, so.), Raynald Ray (5-11, 200, jr.), Mareion Royste (6-1, 180, so.) and Joe Fondale (6-0, 210, sr.). Ray was the starter at Z-back a year ago.

Ohio's ground attack ranked second in the nation a year ago, but there's just two holdover regulars back up front -- All-MAC center Mike Varone (6-3, 270, sr.) and tackle Steve Gaydosz (6-3, 260, sr.). Sophomores Nick Glowacki (6-6, 310) and Erik Davis (6-5, 300), both of whom started several games a year ago, have won the guard roles for this season, with junior Zach Holt (6-3, 270) also in that picture. Set to pair up with Gaydosz at tackle is soph David Patton (6-8, 340), while others in the O-line picture include Khalid Johnson (6-3, 300, so.), Dylan Evans (6-2, 300, sr.) and Nick Daniel (6-5, 280, jr.).

On the defensive side, three-year starter John Kraus (6-2, 270, sr.) anchors an experienced forward wall from his DE slot. Junior Art Adams (6-4, 260) is expected to take over the other terminal post, with sophomore Mike Fox (6-4, 260) having won the nose guard job. Redshirt freshman Lamar Martin (6-1, 260) is pressing Fox hard for that job, while senior Steve Collins (6-3, 260) will see plenty of combat time at DE.

Ohio must make up for the losses of big hitters Tom Carder and Rahim Slaise (184 tackles, 23 hits for losses a year ago) at linebacker, with seniors Mark Calgaro (6-3, 230) and Leigh Barbour (6-2, 220) the foundation for the second line of defense. Calgaro had 87 tackles last fall, while Barbour, a second team All-MAC pick who missed spring drills recuperating from knee surgery, finished second on the tackle charts with 96 hits in '98. Senior Dave Swenson (5-11, 220) is set to man the ILB post alongside Calgaro, with sophs Matt Weikert (6-2, 220), Shawn Murphy (6-3, 215) and Greg Baskin (6-2, 220) the leading candidates to fill the other outside berth.

The leaders in the secondary will be returning regulars Donnie White (5-10, 180, jr.) and David Walker (5-10, 180, sr.) at cornerback and free safety, respectively. White had 82 stops last year and two interceptions, while Walker also had two INTs to go along with his 87 tackles. Soph Arden Banks (5-9, 185) has the inside track at winning the other CB assignment, with another sophomore, Chris London (5-10, 190), the top candidate to fill the vacancy at strong safety. Others very much in the deep defense mix are Ewane Nanji (5-10, 190, sr.), Joe Sellers (5-10, 175, RSF), Lance Fields (5-10, 190, sr.) and Kahieem Maxwell (5-9, 180, sr.).

Ohio also welcomes back soph punter Dave Zastudil (6-4, 215), who earned All-MAC and Freshman All-America honors last season. Called on to punt 75 times in '98, Zastudil posted a super 45.3-yard average, fourth best mark in the nation.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bobcats bounced back from an 0-3 start to finish 5-3 in MAC play last fall, but the loss of 13 starters from that team could cause a stumble this year as Jim Grobe continues to build this program. The prospect of filling all those holes hasn't dampened the Bobcats' enthusiasm and hopes of capturing a MAC title, but the realistic outlook has Ohio U. breaking even in league encounters and slipping a rung or two in the conference standings.**

## BUFFALO

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	7
	Returning	54
	STARTERS RETURNING	9
	Offense	9
	Defense	9

The Bulls enter their first season of major college football in nearly 30 years with 18 returning starters and a hunger to find their niche in the competitive and historic Mid-American Conference.

The Bulls averaged 426.5 yards a game a year ago, but Coach Craig Cirbus needs a new quarterback to pilot his strike force, and there's a four-way battle to fill that role involving senior Erik Rusin (5-11, 195) and sophomores Mike Gaydosz (6-0, 195), Joe Freedy (6-2, 195) and Mike Taylor (5-11, 200). Rusin is the most experienced, having started four times in his UB career.

The new pitcher will have a superb catcher in wide receiver Drew Haddad (5-11, 180, sr.), Buffalo's all-time pass receptions leader. A year ago, Haddad made 67 grabs for 911 yards and five TDs. He's also an excellent punt runback man, having finished second in the nation with a 17.2-yard average a year ago. The battle to fill the other WR slot features senior Enrico Pierre (5-10, 180), junior Rychard Dykes (5-5, 150) and soph Danel Singfield (5-11, 185), with senior Jon Fields (6-0, 200) also hoping to make an impact. The incumbent at tight end will again feature the one-two punch of juniors Gabe Kogler (6-1, 270) and Brandon Shaughnessy (6-2, 250). That pair combined for 17 receptions a year ago.

There's a crowded field of veterans at the running back spots, including last year's starters, fullback Josh Roth (5-11, 225, sr.) and tailback Derrick Gordon (5-8, 210, so.). Roth led last year's ball carriers with 806 yards and eight touchdowns, while Gordon added 321 yards and three TDs despite playing in just six games due to a broken foot. Junior Theron Walker added 378 yards and three TDs while filling in for Gordon, while Roth will be pushed for time at FB by sophomore

## 1998 Buffalo Final Statistics

	Buffalo	Opp
Points per game	29	31
1st Downs	243	233
Rush Att	482	494
Rush Yards	2463	2483
Avg Rush	5.1	5.0
Pass Comp	172	150
Pass Att	322	266
Pass Yds	2230	2063
Had Int	16	9
Off Yds per game	427	413

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	at Maine (NL)	13-30
12	Lockhaven (NL)	40-17
19	at Lafayette (NL)	16-14
26	at Massachusetts (NL)	27-51
O. 3	at Cornell (NL)	13-34
10	Morgan St (NL)	35-17
17	Canisius (NL)	47-0
24	at Liberty (NL)	24-27
31	W Illinois (NL)	9-41
N. 14	at Villanova (NL)	40-65
21	at Hofstra (NL)	36-44

Marvin Brereton (6-2, 215) and JUCO transfer Joe McKoy (5-11, 250, jr.).

The Bulls' offensive line figures to be a team strength with wall-to-wall returning regulars. Junior Dominic Monacelli (6-3, 275) is over the ball at center, David Puce (6-7, 300, jr.) and Tom Brown (6-5, 295, sr.) are the incumbents at the guard posts and Joe Hattendorf (6-5, 300, sr.) and Michael Garofalo (6-4, 290, sr.) return to their tackle positions.

There's also a seasoned crew in the defensive front wall, led by tackles Josh Stello (6-2, 300, jr.) and Bob Dzvovnick (6-0, 275, so.) plus DE Andre Thomas (6-1, 225, sr.). Junior Brad Tanton (6-3, 225) is in the mix at DE after recovering from shoulder surgery, with seniors Tom Matteson (6-2, 270) and Eric Campbell (6-3, 255) joined by junior Jason Hayden (6-2, 310) as prime D-line backups.

The Bulls' lost last fall's top tackler in linebacker Antonio Perry, but soph Chris Shelly (6-0, 215) returns to the second line of defense after making 80 tackles to set a new UB frosh record. He played both ILB and OLB a year ago. Senior Josh Trexler (5-11, 215) has been a consistent performer at outside backer, last year posting 57 tackles, including eight hits for minus yardage. Soph Brandon Jordan (5-10, 220) made a strong showing as a true freshman in '98, and senior Dan Curcione (6-3, 230) is being counted on heavily after playing in just four games last year due to a foot injury. He's started 26 games in his UB career.

The Bulls' secondary was a youthful unit last year, but all four starters from '98 are back in action for this fall's MAC adventure -- cornerbacks Carlos Spencer (5-7, 180, jr.) and Adolphus Barkor (5-10, 185, sr.), free safety Craig Rohlfis (5-10, 195, so.) and strong safety Eric Pipkins (5-

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9, 185, jr.). Pipkins had 75 tackles and two INTs a year ago, and Spencer posted 60 tackles. Others expected to make contributions to the deep defense are Jeff Lawrence (6-0, 185, jr.), who shared starting time at FS last season and led the squad with three pass pickoffs; Tory Smith (5-11, 195, jr.), soph Javunt Pratt (5-9, 185) and senior John Glanton (5-10, 200).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** It's always a learning experience to move up a level in collegiate competition, and oftentimes it's a painful lesson that's learned. That's likely to be Buffalo's fate this season. One big plus in UB's favor is they're making the big move with a very experienced team, but overall, if Buffalo can win two or three MAC encounters in their first year in this tough league, they'll have something to be proud of -- and to build on!

## KENT

(0-11-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 15  
Returning 27  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 8  
Defense 5

The Golden Flashes weren't golden and didn't flash last year as they plummeted to an 0-11 record in Dean Pees' first year as head coach. Outscored 454 to 149 and surrendering more than 473 yards per game last fall, Kent has nowhere to go but up this year. The question is, however, will they?

One performer who's dedicated to bigger and better things in '99 is incumbent quarterback Jose Davis (6-0, 190, sr.), a record-setting signal caller with a rocket arm. Last year, Davis threw for 2,046 yards and nine TDs as he moved within 834

### 1998 Kent Final Statistics

	Kent	Opp
Points per game	14	41
1st Downs	192	264
Rush Att	373	566
Rush Yards	962	3417
Avg Rush	2.6	6.0
Pass Comp	210	116
Pass Att	376	201
Pass Yds	2383	1792
Had Int	13	2
Off Yds per game	304	474

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Georgia	(+35)	L	3-56
12	Youngstown	(NL)		10-24
19	at Navy	(+21)	W	24-38
26	at C Michigan	(+7)	L	7-46
O. 3	E Michigan	(+8 1/2)	L	17-26
10	Akron	(+9)	L	16-45
17	at Marshall	(+36)	W	7-42
24	at Bowling Green	(+20 1/2)	L	21-42
31	W Michigan	(+16 1/2)	L	23-48
N. 14	at Miami, OH	(+34 1/2)	L	0-56
21	Ohio	(+23 1/2)	W	21-31

passing yards of becoming Kent's all-time leading passer. He'll again be backstopped by junior Zach Williams (6-3, 205), who pitched for 317 yards and one TD in '98.

Soph Jurren Kelly (6-0, 160) is the top returner on a young Kent wideout crew, last year finishing second on the team with 31 catches good for 476 yards and two touchdowns. Joshua Bostick (6-2, 200, so.), who had seven catches last year, moves up to the first string at the other WR post, with redshirt frosh James Gamble (6-0, 185) and soph Matty Curry (6-0, 180) the leading backups at WR. Holding over at tight end is senior Jason Gavazza (6-3, 250), one of the better pass catching TEs in the MAC. Last fall, Gavazza had 19 catches for 260 yards and a pair of scores.

Kent's top threat at running back again will be tailback DeMarlo Rozier (5-9, 215), who ripped for 627 yards and two TDs as a true freshman a year ago. He also had 23 receptions with one TD catch. Soph Cante Murphy (5-11, 210) will again serve as Rozier's relief at TB, while junior Michael Smith (5-8, 235) has taken over at fullback where he'll get support from Leroy Arrington (5-10, 225, jr.).

Coach Pees has high hopes for his blocking crew, which returns four regulars from a year ago -- center Jeff Krysiak (6-2, 290, jr.), guard Brian Hallett (6-3, 305, so.) and tackles Dan Goodspeed (6-6, 285, sr.) and Jason Hupp (6-3, 335, jr.). Letterman Victor Vrabel (6-4, 285, so.) is battling redshirt freshman Kevin Jamieson (6-3, 290) for starting rights at the other OG post.

As for the leaky Kent defense which allowed the enemy 41.3 points per game a year ago, Coach Pees has a ton of work to do, especially in the forward wall where end Brad Hartman (6-4, 290, sr.) is the lone returner from a year ago. He recorded 64 tackles last fall when he started at defensive tackle. Soph Mark Strickland (6-0, 235) is battling with redshirt freshman John Nurczyk (6-4, 245) for starting rights at the terminal opposite Hartman, while soph Aaron Mayer (6-2, 275) and junior Richard Bender (6-2, 255) appear to have beaten out junior Jason Holy (6-0, 270) and redshirt freshman Brandon Bridges (6-2, 280) for the regular roles at the defensive tackle posts.

Last fall's leading tackler, soph Rashaan Hall (5-11, 220), is the man to watch in the linebacking crew. Hall posted 96 tackles last season from his OLB slot. Junior Ryan Altizer (6-1, 240) returns at the other outside position, with junior Matt Rayl (6-0, 225) apparently having unseated last year's regular, soph Heath Hommel (6-0, 230), from the starting role at middle backer. Rayl had 81 tackles last season as a reserve, with Hommel posting 54 hits. Juniors Curtis Witherspoon (6-2, 215) and Yves Dossous (6-1, 215) are valuable reserves at OLB.

The Golden Flashes secondary will be extensively rebuilt with strong safety Geoff Betts (5-10, 195, sr.) the only holdover regular back in uniform from '98. Betts posted 83 tackles last fall. Gary McCullough (6-0, 185, sr.) and redshirt freshman Jared Moran (6-2, 210) are duking it out for the free safety job, with Reggie Crook (6-0, 185, so.) also in the safety picture. Senior Murad Holliday (5-8, 180) and redshirt freshman Nashville Dyer (5-10, 175) have won starting roles at cornerback, with Ben Durant (5-6, 160, sr.) and Benny Jones (6-0, 195, sr.) also due to see extensive playing time at CB.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Kent really took a thumping last fall, leaving the Golden Flashes battered and bruised, physically and mentally, entering the '99 campaign. The Kent offense, which fell apart in '98, should be improved this fall with eight seasoned starters back on the job, but the defense has a very good chance of being even more generous than a year ago. Kent could win a shootout or two along the way, but they'll wind up the season at or near the bottom of the MAC standings.

## West Division

### TOLEDO

(7-5-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 18  
Returning 33  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 8  
Defense 8

The Rockets relied on a stout defense to capture first place in the MAC's Western Division last year, falling just short of a league crown as they were nipped 23-17 by Marshall in the title game. For Toledo to have a shot at similar success this season, Coach Gary Pinkel's got to get more output from his offense.

The Rockets went 6-2 in the MAC despite an offense that gained just 327.9 yards and 19.1 points per game, but with eight starters back from last year's unit, Coach Pinkel believes those numbers will be better this fall. They could be, except for the fact the Rockets need a new quarterback, and not one of the five candidates owns a Toledo letter! Junior Dan Cole (6-3, 205) appears to be a shade ahead of soph Tavares Bolden (6-1, 200) and redshirt freshman Justin Larrick (6-4, 205) in the battle for the QB job.

A couple of excellent receivers return to work with the new signal caller, senior TE Mike Bilik (6-4, 235) and junior wideout Mel Long (6-2, 180). A two-time All-MAC selection, Bilik had 39 catches last fall for 417 yards and two scores, while Long pulled down 31 spirals for 446 yards and five six-pointers. Jason Turner (6-2, 200, sr.) and Clint Mondell (5-11, 180, jr.) are first in line to fill the vacancies at wide receiver and H-back, respectively, with Jason Spiece (6-3, 235, so.) sup-

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## 1998 Toledo Final Statistics

	Toledo	Opp
Points per game	19	18
1st Downs	214	219
Rush Att	432	509
Rush Yards	1444	1951
Avg Rush	3.3	3.8
Pass Comp	221	211
Pass Att	402	371
Pass Yds	2491	2352
Had Int	8	13
Off Yds per game	328	359

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Temple	(-11)	W	24-12
12	at Ohio St	(+37)	L	0-49
19	W Michigan	(-7 1/2)	W	35-7
26	at Miami, OH	(+6 1/2)	L	14-28
O. 3	C Florida	(+3)	L	24-31
10	Ball St	(-20)	W	27-6
17	Bowling Green	(-10)	L	24-16
24	at Akron	(-5)	W	24-17
31	at N Illinois	(-13 1/2)	L	16-3
N. 14	C Michigan	(-13)	L	17-14
21	at E Michigan	(-12)	L	7-10
D. 4	at Marshall	(+12)	W	17-23

porting Bilik at TE.

Chester Taylor (5-10, 195, jr.), the Rockets' most effective ball carrier in '98, returns at tailback, with Lyle Green (6-1, 215, jr.) holding over at fullback. Taylor was second on the rushing chart a year ago with 570 yards, averaging a team-best 5.5 yards per carry with five scoring runs. Beyond those two, however, there's nary a letterman in sight to carry the mail!

A major plus for the '99 Rockets is the return of last fall's top ten offensive linemen. '98 regulars back in harness are Nick Otterbacher (6-1, 280, so.) at center, guards Michael Schaefer (6-6, 310, jr.) and Greg Peters (6-4, 295, sr.) and tackles Jim Harding (6-7, 310, jr.) and Colin Westrich (6-6, 295, sr.). Westrich is a two-time All-MAC choice receiving a sixth season of eligibility due to an injury redshirt season in '96. The seasoned backup group includes Jeff Ling (6-5, 270, jr.), Jovan Ilich (6-2, 285, jr.), Josh Pierre (6-2, 285, jr.), Mike Lenix (6-6, 285, sr.) and Matt Comer (6-3, 285, so.).

Toledo held its conference opponents to just 12.6 points a contest a year ago, the league's best stat in that category. Up front, the leaders again will be DE DeJuan Goulde (6-1, 235, jr.) and tackles Jim Barker (6-2, 260, so.) and Sameer Hamood (6-3, 265, so.). Goulde posted a dozen tackles for losses last fall with six QB sacks and Hamood had 55 stops. Letterman Rudy Lomberger (6-3, 245) is due to fill the vacancy at the end post opposite Goulde, with letter winners Jake McLean (6-4, 270, so.) and Phil Gibson (6-2, 270, so.) leading the D-line backup crew.

All-MAC linebacker Jason Lamar (6-1, 235, sr.) will be the ringleader in the second line of defense where he had 199 tackles last fall, 13 for negative yardage. He's rejoined in the starting lineup by ILB Kevin Rollins (6-2, 225, jr.) and OLB Keith Travis (6-1, 200, sr.), with veteran Ira Singleton (6-1, 200, jr.) due to fill the vacancy at the other outside spot. Travis had 82 tackles last fall and three pass interceptions and Rollins made 68 stops with one pick. Depth in this area will be provided by lettermen Paul Sehze (6-0, 185, jr.), Corey Morris (6-0, 205, so.) and Fred Schultz (6-4, 210, jr.).

The three-man secondary crew features holdover starters Andy Boyd (6-1, 195, so.) at free safety and cornerback Jameel Turner (5-9, 180, sr.), but junior cornerback Fabian Burke (5-11, 185) is the only other letter winner available for deep defense assignments. Junior Marcus Hill (5-10, 180), soph James Stanley (6-0, 185) plus red-shirt freshmen Olanzo Jarrett (6-2, 205) and Jehu Anderson (6-1, 175) will all get shots at helping out in the secondary.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Toledo has enjoyed gridiron success in Gary Pinkel's eight years in command as he's posted a credible 57-31-3 mark, and the Rockets will see more of the same this fall. Toledo needs the new QB to come through (and we think he will!), and there's a solid corps of veterans returning to the tough Rockets' stop unit. Toledo will contend again in '99 for MAC honors.

## W. MICHIGAN

(7-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	13
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING	9
	Offense	9
	Defense	8

For the first time in school history, the Broncos won 15 games over two years -- but it still wasn't enough to give WMU a MAC title! But they did come very close, losing two league games by the slim margin of two points each! And with 17 holdover starters and a ton of motivation on hand, Coach Gary Darnell's troops may not be denied in 1999!

Three-year regular Tim Lester (6-1, 205, sr.) returns to direct the Broncos attack that last year rolled to 467.9 yards per game. Lester owns the school record for touchdown passes (53) and could become the MAC's all-time leader in total offense, TD tosses and passing yardage with another good season in '99. Last fall, he threw for 3,311 yards and 22 TDs with 16 interceptions. He'll be backstopped this year by soph Jeff Welsh (6-2, 210).

The Broncos are solid at the pass catching posts, with senior Steve Neal (6-0, 190) at split end, junior Corey Alston (6-1, 215) at flanker and soph Micah Zuhl (6-0, 185) back at slotback. Neal led last year's pass catchers with 63 receptions good for 1,121 yards and seven TDs, averaging 17.8 yards per catch. Alston rang in with 21 grabs for 459 yards and four scores, with a 21.9-yard-per-catch norm, and Zuhl had 13 receptions for 205 yards and one score. Neal, who led the MAC in receptions and receiving yardage, was an All-MAC selection last season, as was tight end Jake Moreland (6-3, 245, sr.), a four-year regular who caught 44 passes for 457 yards and six scores.

Coach Darnell will move junior Robert Sanford (5-11, 225) from fullback to halfback this season in the hopes Sanford will regain the form that allowed him to rush for 1,033 yards and 11 TDs as a freshman in '97. Last fall, Sanford battled injuries but still had 523 yards and four TDs on the ground along with 15 receptions. Soph Benny Clark (5-8, 165) will work behind Sanford. At fullback, junior Scott Selzer (5-11, 235) will get the call, with help coming from senior William Henegan (5-11, 245).

The offensive interior line will be a team strength with four '98 regulars back in uniform -- center Colin Greczek (6-3, 265, jr.), guard Gary Nicklasch (6-4, 285, sr.) and tackles Charlie Knapp (6-5, 335, sr.) and Steve Wark (6-2, 300, sr.). Junior Paul Lambert (6-2, 290) will fill the

## 1998 W Michigan Final Statistics

	Western Michigan	Opp
Points per game	38	28
1st Downs	272	231
Rush Att	423	467
Rush Yards	1733	1602
Avg Rush	4.1	3.4
Pass Comp	238	190
Pass Att	409	331
Pass Yds	3414	2593
Had Int	16	12
Off Yds per game	468	381

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	N Illinois	(-18)	L	37-23
12	at Indiana	(+4 1/2)	L	30-45
19	at Toledo	(+7 1/2)	L	7-35
26	Ohio	(+3 1/2)	W	35-37
O. 3	NE Louisiana	(-6 1/2)	W	27-14
10	at Vanderbilt	(+5)	W	27-24
17	E Michigan	(-10 1/2)	L	45-35
24	at C Michigan	(-4)	L	24-26
31	at Kent	(-16 1/2)	W	48-23
N. 7	at Ball St	(-10 1/2)	L	24-23
14	Bowling Green	(+2)	L	56-27

vacancy at the other guard spot. Others due to see plenty of combat time in the O-line are Matt Galbraith (6-7, 300, sr.) and Matt Stover (6-3, 275, so.).

Coach Darnell has eight regulars from a year ago back on the stop side, including DE Eric Bettys (6-2, 240, sr.) and tackle Jeremy Johnson (6-3, 275, sr.) in the four-man front wall. Bettys had 73 stops with seven hits behind enemy lines a year ago. Senior Tom Rozema (6-5, 270) is due to move into the flank job opposite Bettys, with letterman John Deming (6-4, 275, sr.) taking over the nose guard position. Juniors Scott Karstens (6-3, 245) and Marty Harig (6-2, 260) are key D-line backups.

Two of the Broncos' top hitters will anchor the linebacking crew, inside backers Garrett Soldano (5-11, 245, jr.) and Mario Evans (6-0, 230, jr.). Soldano had 106 stops last fall with Evans recording 78. Junior Jared Pike (6-0, 225) holds over at outside linebacker where he made 57 hits a year ago, with senior Scott Niles (5-11, 230) making a strong bid to crack the first string lineup.

Senior William Reed (5-8, 185) will move from free to strong safety this year after registering 52 hits a year ago in his third year as a starter. He also had two pass interceptions. Soph letterman Carlos Smith (6-5, 205) will take over as the new free safety, while senior Eric Nunlee (5-8, 185) and junior Ronald Rogers (5-8, 170) are the incumbents at the corners. Nunlee is a four-year starter who shared the pass theft title with Rogers last year, each snatching four enemy arials.

Placekicker Brad Selent (5-11, 185) returns for his junior year after earning honors as the MAC's "special teams player of the year" last fall. Selent scored 94 points as he connected on 18 of 26 field goal tries and all 40 PAT conversions.

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Direct Phone Service	HANDICAPPER	PHONE	RK	W/L %	WON LOSS	RK	NET WINS	RK	NET PROFIT	BEST BETS
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The X Man	Bob Xavier	(814) 466-1111	1	61.3	65/41	2	19.9	1	\$27,650	17/9
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Cincinnati Kid Sportsline	M.J.R.	(440) 572-7777	4	57.1	32/24	13	5.6	14	\$3,070	2/1
Billy Coleman Sports	Billy Coleman	(216) 556-0036	5	56.8	84/64	6	13.6	4	\$11,990	24/15
Texas Bounty Hunter 900	Ben Flynn	(972) 669-5729	6	56.3	76/59	7	11.1	8	\$7,200	18/16
American Spts Authority 900	Mike or Lee	(608) 258-0226	6	56.3	112/87	3	16.3	11	\$5,610	0/0
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**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Broncos' '99 slate shapes up as very difficult as WMU opens with three non-conference outings (two of 'em being Florida State and Missouri!) and closes with games against last year's two MAC division winners. The Broncos look well equipped to handle those chores, however, particularly the competitive MAC schedule. In fact, we wouldn't be at all surprised if WMU is among the MAC's elite teams this fall! And that's a fact, Jack!

## CENTRAL MICH.

(6-5-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 20  
Returning 35  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 7  
Defense 6

The Chippewas turned things around in a big way last fall, powering to a 6-5 finish after winning just two games in '97. And with 13 returning starters suited up for '99, Coach Dick Flynn is counting on the momentum from last year's success story to spark CMU to another solid campaign this time out.

Returning to pilot the Chippewas' well-balanced attack is junior quarterback Pete Shepherd (6-1, 200), who completed 152 of 324 passes for 2,005 yards and four scores last year although he suffered 11 interceptions.

Graduation claimed four of CMU's top five pass catchers, the lone returnee being tight end Mark Swetz (6-5, 220, sr.), who pulled down 18 throws for 233 yards. The top candidates to fill the vacancies at split end and flanker are senior Rory Nevins (5-10, 165), juniors David Hannah (5-10, 180) and Anthony Jones (6-3, 200) plus a trio of redshirt freshmen -- Calvin Carter (6-1, 190), Jamarl O'Neal (6-1, 175) and Roderick Means (6-3, 195).

Powering the ground attack again will be the senior combo of tailback Eric Flowers (5-10, 200) and strong-blocking fullback Jason Meyer (6-1, 210). Flowers earned All-MAC honors a year ago as he pedaled for 1,302 yards and 16 touchdowns, averaging 4.5 yards per carry. Soph Vince Webber (5-9, 205), who averaged 6.3 yards per carry on 37

trips last fall, will back up Flowers.

Three holdovers from a year ago will anchor the blocking crew -- tackles Eric Page (6-7, 300, sr.) and Matt Brayton (6-7, 305, so.) plus guard John Herrold (6-4, 290). Nick Ferguson (6-5, 285, so.) and Tom Ellis (6-3, 280, sr.) are duking it out to fill the other guard slot, while the top candidates at center are Kevin Barry (6-3, 285, jr.) and soph Anders Hill (6-5, 285).

There's also a couple of holes to fill in the defensive front four, where seniors Walter Jenkins (6-3, 230) and Gabe McMasters (6-4, 245) are the incumbents at the flanks. Each had three QB sacks year ago. Seniors Joe Adam (6-3, 260) and Jerry Stempien (6-2, 270) are penciled in as the new starters at defensive tackle and middle guard, with lettermen Darnell Wilson (6-3, 225, sr.) and James Alexander (6-4, 260, jr.) due to see plenty of combat time in the trench.

Junior Ralph Sewell (6-0, 200) is the only starting linebacker from a year ago back in uniform. He'll again patrol an outside spot, with soph James Westrich (6-1, 215) poised to man the other OLB post. In the middle, veteran Abdullah Muhammad (6-1, 200, so.) has the inside track for the starting job, but he's being pressed by junior letter winners Zach Poff (5-11, 215) and Casey Laughlin (6-2, 215).

The Chippewas secondary figures to be the strongest unit on the D-side with sophs Wayne Dudley (5-11, 170) and Tedaro France (5-10, 170) back at the corners and junior Brian Leigeb (6-2, 185) returning for his third year as the regular free safety. Leigeb's led the Chippewas in tackles the past two seasons, making 129 stops last fall, and he and France each recorded three interceptions. Challengers looking to fill the lone vacancy in the deep defense include Finley Carter (5-9, 180, so.), Scott Naz (5-10, 170, jr.) and Talic Balom (5-8, 190, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** CMU made a nice comeback last fall after registering the worst record (2-9) in school history in '97. This fall's Chippewas will present a balanced attack led by QB Pete Shepherd and All-MAC tailback Eric Flowers that's capable of exceeding last year's respectable output. CMU's problems could come on the D-side where the rebuilt front wall and linebacking crew needs to develop in a hurry. If the defense holds up, Central Michigan has a better than even chance of finishing on the plus side of .500 again.

## NO. ILLINOIS

(2-9-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 17  
Returning 43  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 8  
Defense 7

The Huskies haven't produced a winning season since managing a 6-5 finish back in '90, but, says Coach Joe Novak, "enough is enough!" The time to win is now, Novak says, adding "we can be competitive, we have a chance every Saturday!" That's the enthusiastic and optimistic theme Novak will employ as he leads 15 holdover starters from '98 into the upcoming campaign.

If Northern Illinois is to make any moves at all, the Huskies will have to increase offensive productivity which last year netted them just 243.3 yards per game. It didn't help that five quarterbacks went down during the year due to injuries, with frosh walk-on Craig Harmon (6-1, 210, so.) starting eight games due to the injury blitz. For

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the year, Harmon threw for 795 yards and two TDs while being picked off nine times. This fall, last year's top three QB prospects are all healthy, including soph Chris Finlen (6-3, 215), who looked very good in the last five contests of '97 as he led the Huskies attack to more than 369 yards per game in total "O." Soph Frisman Jackson (6-2, 200) is also in the QB picture with Finlen and Harmon.

The Huskies will be without NIU's career all-purpose yardage record holder, split end "Neon" Deon Mitchell, with Justin McCareins (6-1, 200, jr.), Darrell Hill (6-1, 190, jr.), and frosh recruits Devon O'Neal (5-10, 160) and P.J. Fleck (5-10, 175) to take up the slack. McCareins led last year's Huskies with 54 catches for 486 yards and five touchdowns. At tight end, redshirt frosh Matt Dunker (6-5, 230) and Joey Reed (6-6, 240, so.) are battling for the number one job.

Nine of last year's top 11 ball carriers return to action for '99, led by tailbacks Ivory Bryant (6-0, 210, jr.) and Bill Andrews (5-10, 200, jr.), who rushed for 655 and 476 yards, respectively, last season, each scoring four touchdowns. Mike Johnson (5-6, 190, sr.) and Ricardo King (5-6, 190, jr.) are veteran performers at TB, with three-year letterman Mike Stack (6-2, 255, sr.) returning as the incumbent at fullback.

Coach Novak is feeling good about his offensive interior line where he's got good size, numbers and experience. Junior Kyle Jakubek (6-2, 275) is back from the injured list at center, where

### 1998 Central Michigan Final Statistics

	C. Michigan	Opp
Points per game	21	23
1st Downs	208	216
Rush Att	487	489
Rush Yards	1968	1810
Avg Rush	4.0	3.7
Pass Comp	154	150
Pass Att	330	308
Pass Yds	2074	2085
Had Int	11	13
Off Yds per game	368	354

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Iowa	(+34 1/2)	L	0-38
12	W Illinois	(NL)		35-14
26	Kent	(-7)	W	46-7
O. 3	at Michigan St	(+28)	L	7-38
10	at E Michigan	(+3 1/2)	W	36-23
17	at N Illinois	(-10 1/2)	L	6-16
24	W Michigan	(+4)	W	26-24
31	Akron	(-2)	L	28-27
N. 7	at Marshall	(+19)	L	0-28
14	at Toledo	(+13)	W	14-17
21	Ball St	(-8)	W	31-21

### 1998 N Illinois Final Statistics

	Northern Illinois	Opp
Points per game	15	30
1st Downs	147	212
Rush Att	435	529
Rush Yards	1362	2083
Avg Rush	3.1	3.9
Pass Comp	128	159
Pass Att	263	283
Pass Yds	1314	1908
Had Int	15	8
Off Yds per game	243	363

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	at W Michigan	(+18)	W	23-37
12	at Kansas St	(+48 1/2)	L	7-73
19	E Illinois	(NL)		10-24
O. 3	at Ball St	(+12)	W	13-18
10	at C Florida	(+37)	W	17-38
17	C Michigan	(+10 1/2)	W	16-6
24	at E Michigan	(+10)	W	26-14
31	Toledo	(+13 1/2)	W	3-16
N. 7	Miami, OH	(+15)	L	10-41
14	at Ohio	(+17)	W	12-28
21	Bowling Green	(+9 1/2)	L	23-34



McAllister Collins (6-2, 280, jr.) filled in last year. Collins will likely move back to his regular position, tackle, where he'll rejoin monstrous junior Ryan Diem (6-7, 330) in the regular lineup. Fully recovered from the injuries that sidelined them last year are guards Matt Cockrum (6-5, 280, jr.) and soph John Pedersen (6-5, 285). Coach Novak also has some experienced youngsters to work with up front, along with a number of outstanding incoming frosh prospects.

The Huskies' defense actually showed some improvement a year ago, but there's a long way to go before this unit is terrorizing MAC foes. In the forward wall, All-MAC candidate tackle Lamain Rucker (6-2, 290, jr.) leads the charge once more, and he'll be rejoined in the regular lineup by DE Lewis Miskowicz (6-2, 280, jr.). Last year, Rucker had nine tackles for losses and two sacks, while Miskowicz posted eight stops behind enemy lines and two sacks. Junior Darian Tate (6-3, 265) is due to take over at nose tackle, with three-year veteran Glen Bloodsaw (6-1, 225, sr.) protecting the terminal opposite Miskowicz. Others very much in the D-line mix are Rashe Hill (6-5, 275, jr.), Cory Sovine (6-3, 255, so.), Jon Lovrich (6-3, 250, so.) and Anon Miller (6-3, 290, sr.).

Juniors Cameron Saulsby (6-1, 220) and Kevin Selover (6-2, 220) are holdover starters in the second line of defense where Selover had 86 tackles with three sacks and Saulsby posted 61 stops and three sacks last fall. Ex-strong safety Jon Pendergrass (6-0, 210) is penciled in as the third starter at linebacker, with help in this area coming from sophs Ryan Laurenti (6-2, 220), Trent Clemen (6-4, 235) and James Johnson (5-9, 220) plus junior Rocky Newton (6-0, 200).

There's a trio of All-MAC hopefuls in the secondary where SS Donnavan Carter (6-1, 200, sr.), free safety Jermaine Hampton (6-1, 195, jr.) and cornerback Benji Peacock (5-7, 170, jr.) are returning regulars. Carter led the Huskies in tackles last fall with 124 stops, Hampton had 72 hits and Peacock 56. Letterman Torrence Andrews (5-10, 165, so.) is the new regular at the corner opposite Peacock.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Joe Novak is right! Northern Illinois will be a better, more competitive team this fall. The winners of just three games in Novak's three seasons at the helm, the Huskies are ready to bust out in a big way -- at least in a relative sense! Don't expect NIU to mix it up on the same level as the MAC's big guns, but in view of their recent past, three or four wins this fall will make for a big season, indeed!

## 1998 E. Michigan Final Statistics

Eastern Michigan	Opp
Points per game	20 28
1st Downs	208 256
Rush Att	380 489
Rush Yards	975 1822
Avg Rush	2.6 3.7
Pass Comp	243 215
Pass Att	421 363
Pass Yds	3010 2474
Had Int	14 11
Off Yds per game	362 391

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	N Iowa (NL)	10-13
12	at Ball St (+8 1/2)	W 13-7
19	at Michigan (+35)	L 20-59
26	Marshall (+14 1/2)	W 23-26
O. 3	at Kent (-8 1/2)	W 26-17
10	C Michigan (-3 1/2)	L 23-36
17	at W Michigan (+10 1/2)	W 35-45
24	N Illinois (-10)	L 14-26
N. 7	at Ohio (+13 1/2)	L 21-49
14	at Akron (+8 1/2)	W 21-24
21	Toledo (+12)	W 10-7

yards and 13 TDs a year ago. He'll again be supported by senior letterman Joe Cosgrove (6-4, 195).

Top dog in the receiving crew is senior Jermaine Sheffield (6-5, 205), who camped under 62 throws for 953 yards and four scores last season while serving as EMU's primary deep threat. Veteran Brandon Campbell (5-10, 175, sr.) moves into the other wideout job after making 27 grabs for 368 yards and one score last year, with sophs John White (6-2, 190) and Erik Ibom (6-2, 195) due to be the first wideouts off the bench. A trio of lettermen -- Pete Nyikes (6-1, 210, sr.), Matt Kelly (6-3, 230, jr.) and Tim Burzynski (6-3, 230, so.) -- will provide the blocking from the tight end/fullback slot that EMU utilizes in its offensive set.

Last fall's top three ground gainers hold over for '98, including Eric Powell (5-10, 215, jr.), who led the Eagles with 473 yards on 152 carries. Idris Wells (5-11, 200, jr.) contributed 289 yards and four TDs, while Ethan Vannoy (5-10, 205, jr.) had four TD carries and netted 261 yards gained.

Coach Rasnick has to replace both of his starting tackles from the last year's O-line, but center Tom Michel (6-1, 285, sr.) is back for his third year as a starter and he'll again be flanked by the guard combo of Rich Chorak (6-2, 280, so.) and Craig Cipa (6-4, 275, jr.). Soph lettermen Chuck Butkowski (6-3, 295) and John Grabowski (6-5, 310) are penciled in as the new tackle tandem.

The Eagles will follow the lead of All-MAC cornerback Lincoln Dupree (5-10, 190, sr.) on the defensive side where eight starters from '98 return to action. Dupree had five interceptions a year ago, with letterman Isaac Shipp (5-9, 190, sr.) the top candidate to man the other corner post. Senior Donald McCall (6-0, 190) is back at free safety where he led EMU in tackles last fall with 128 stops. He also had two pickoffs. Senior James Willingham (5-8, 175) and soph London Lindsey (5-9, 180) are battling to fill the vacancy at strong safety.

Incumbents Ashley Travis (6-4, 245, sr.) and James Turner (6-2, 265, jr.) will again anchor the three-man forward wall from their flank positions, with veteran Jermaine Kyles (6-2, 290, jr.) due to

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fill the vacancy at nose guard. Kyles sat out all of the '98 season with a foot injury.

The inside linebacking combo of Jason Short (6-3, 225, jr.) and soph Scott Russell (6-2, 225) earned starter's roles last season and wound up with 55 and 99 tackles, respectively. Russell was also credited with nine tops for minus yardage and one sack. The battle for the OLB assignments features three-year letter winner Clifton Robinson (6-2, 205, sr.), Tarance Simmons (6-0, 210, sr.), Kenny Philpot (6-1, 220, so.) and David Taylor (5-10, 190, sr.), top reserves a year ago who combined for a total of 126 hits.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** 1998 marked the second straight season EMU has been victimized three times by a field goal or less! The '99 Eagles should be more productive offensively and better defensively, a formula that should allow EMU to flirt with a winning record this fall. Eastern Michigan won't set any worlds on fire, but this team will be more competitive than its snakebit predecessors!

## BALL STATE

(1-10-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	39
	STARTERS RETURNING	4
	Offense	
	Defense	10

Winning is a tradition at Ball State, the Cardinals owning a .628 winning percentage over the last 10 years of MAC competition. That's why last year's 1-10 finish was so hard to take, and there's little assurance things will be a whole lot better in '99.

Coach Bill Lynch returns just four starters to

## EASTERN MICH.

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING	7
	Offense	
	Defense	8

As accurately promulgated on these very pages a year ago, the undermanned Eagles were in line to take a pounding -- and they did as EMU managed just three wins for Coach Rick Rasnick in '98. Three of those losses, however, were of the three-point variety, and with 15 holdover starters back in uniform, the Eagles are primed to even a few scores this time out!

The EMU attack mustered 362 yards per game last season, and with the bulk of that unit intact for '99, better things are expected. Junior Walt Church (6-4, 220) will again call signals after hitting on 213 of 355 passing tries (60%) for 2,650



## 1998 Ball State Final Statistics

	Ball State	Opp
Points per game	14	31
1st Downs	178	233
Rush Att	454	487
Rush Yards	1573	2336
Avg Rush	3.5	4.8
Pass Comp	132	192
Pass Att	274	299
Pass Yds	1526	2411
Had Int	11	4
Off Yds per game	282	432

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at S Carolina	(+19 1/2)	W	20-38
12 E Michigan	(-8 1/2)	L	7-13
19 at Iowa St	(+11 1/2)	L	0-38
26 at Akron	(+7 1/2)	L	14-52
O. 3 N Illinois	(-12)	L	18-13
10 at Toledo	(+20)	L	6-27
17 Miami, OH	(+19)	W	17-28
24 at Marshall	(+30)	L	10-42
N. 7 W Michigan	(+10 1/2)	W	23-24
14 at C Florida	(+31 1/2)	W	14-37
21 at C Michigan	(+8)	L	21-31

his offensive unit, but he does have two very capable quarterbacks to work with in soph Brian Conn (6-2, 220) and senior Clay Walters (6-5, 205). Walters started six games last year and threw for 969 yards and four scores, while Conn had two starts and apparently has the inside track on the starting job for this season.

Last fall's top pass catcher returns in wide receiver Adrian Reese (5-9, 170, sr.), who had 27 catches for 341 yards and two scores last year. He's among Ball State's top ten career pass catchers. Senior Montez Currin (5-11, 180), who snagged 17 aeriels for 152 yards and one TD in '98, will man the other WR slot, with help in this area coming from junior Jermaine Jordan (6-2, 200) and soph Billy Lynch (5-9, 160). Jordan had 11 catches last fall. At tight end, senior Jimmy Place (6-7, 220) has earned the first string nod.

The Cardinals lost their second all-time leading rusher, LeAndre Moore, to graduation, with junior Kevin Cartwright (6-0, 220) expected to take over the tailback slot this fall. Cartwright gained 197 yards with one TD last season. Soph Gerald Palmer (6-2, 225), who appeared in seven games as a freshman last season, will be the new full-back.

The offensive interior line will be reconstructed around holdover tackle starters Aaron Johnson (6-5, 285, jr.) and Ryan Carter (6-5, 290, sr.). Junior Chad Ludwig (6-2, 290) will move in as the new center, with Jeff Thiel (6-4, 290, jr.) and John Moore (6-5, 290, so.) having claimed the guard berths.

There's a lot more stability on the defensive side where there's just one vacancy from a year ago. The leaders in the Cardinal front wall will be ends Bayette George (6-2, 240, so.) and Rachman Crable (6-3, 235), along with tackles Evan Triggs (6-3, 245, jr.) and Mark Zackery (5-11, 270, so.). Zackery had eight tackles for losses a year ago. The Cardinals are also counting on the healthy return of DE Sunungura Rusununguko (6-2, 255, sr.), an All-MAC candidate who missed last season with knee problems.

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Coach Lynch is changing his defensive alignment to a 4-4 this year from last year's 4-3 setup, and the linebacking crew figures to include juniors Larry Davis (5-11, 205) and Byron Driver (6-0, 200), soph Shaka Johnson (5-11, 215) and senior Marlon Llewellyn (5-11, 215). Llewellyn's an honors candidate this year after leading BSU in tackles last fall with 139 stops, including a dozen hits for negative yardage and one sack. Davis posted 72 tackles and had two INTs, while Driver had 69 stops. Senior Ernest Pressley (6-1, 200) is pushing for a starting job after making 89 tackles last fall although he missed two games with injuries. Others in the LB picture include senior Nate Perry (6-1, 210) and soph Brent Walker (6-2, 215).

The veteran deep zone crew will again include cornerbacks Lowell Faison (5-9, 180, sr.) and Alger Boswell (5-7, 190, so.) and free safety Pete Smith (5-10, 170, jr.). Smith was second on last year's team with 130 tackles. Junior Nate Andrews (5-10, 195) will also see plenty of combat time at defensive back.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Cardinals have ruled the MAC roost twice in the last six seasons -- but that's not likely to happen again real soon. Coach Bill Lynch faces an uphill battle to get this team perking again. In '99, look for BSU to be a little less vulnerable on the D-side, but the offense will continue to struggle. Another sub-.500, lower echelon MAC finish is in store for this fall's Cardinals.



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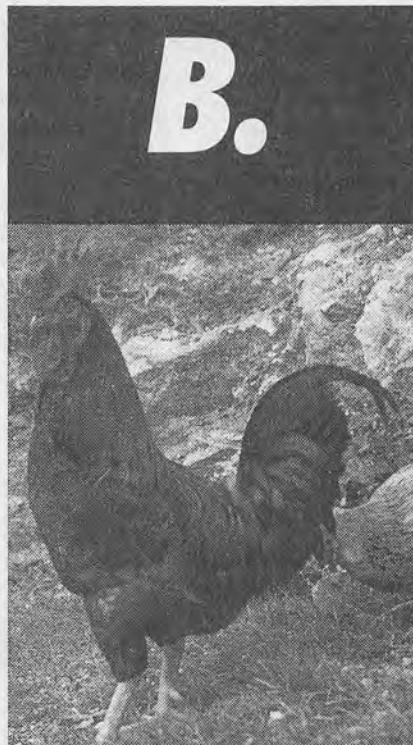


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# ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

## FLORIDA STATE

(11-2-0) LETTERMEN Lost 14

Returning 58

STARTERS RETURNING Offense 9

Defense 8

With 17 starters returning from a team that fell one touchdown short of winning a National Championship last season, you might think Florida State would be one of the teams to beat for national honors this season. And you'd be right!

The Seminoles, in fact, could be THE team to beat -- especially if junior quarterback Chris Weinke (6-5, 225) makes a complete recovery from the serious neck injury he sustained last November. Assuming he does (and we believe he will!), Weinke will pick up right where he left off last fall when he had completed 145 of 286 passes for 2,487 yards and 19 touchdowns with just six interceptions, all of which he threw in the second game of the season at N.C. State!

Junior Marcus Outzen (6-2, 220), who threw for 464 yards in '98, and sophomore Jared Jones (6-5, 220), who appeared in only one game last year, return as Weinke's top backups, but they're gonna play second fiddle to A-A frosh recruit Anquan Boldin (6-2, 205), a tremendous athlete who can do it all, as he demonstrated last season when he completed 133 of 233 passes for 2,842 yards and 36 touchdowns, and also ran for 1,497 yards and 20 more scores!

State's super receiving corps is headed by All-American flanker Peter Warrick (6-0, 190, sr.), who last year caught a team-leading 61 passes for 1,232 yards and 12 touchdowns. He is strongly supported by junior Marvin Minnis (6-1, 190), who snared 22 tosses for 338 yards and two TDs in '98, while seniors Ron Dugans (6-3, 195) and Laveranues Coles (6-1, 195) are back to share split end duties after catching a combined 57 passes for 1,013 yards and six touchdowns last fall. The

speedy Coles also ran for 128 yards and one score on just 15 carries (an 8.5 avg.). Strong-blocking senior letterman Nick Franklin (6-3, 270) will take over at tight end, and he'll be backstopped by promising sophomore Patrick Hughes (6-5, 250).

The Seminoles are blessed with several outstanding ball carriers to make their ground game go. Especially at tailback where Travis Minor (6-1, 195, jr.) and Jeff Chaney (6-0, 210, jr.) are back on the job after running for a combined 1,430 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. They'll be joined at TB by sophomore Davy Ford (5-11, 190), a starter in '97 who sat out '98, and super frosh recruit Nick Maddox (6-0, 195), considered by many to be the best RB in the prep ranks last season. The fullback post will be shared by the aforementioned Jeff Chaney and junior letterman William McCray (6-0, 225), as well as senior Dan Kendra (6-2, 240), a co-regular at QB in '97 who missed '98 because of a serious knee injury.

The offensive interior line should stack up as a team strength with the return of all five starters and then some! All-American guard Jason Whitaker (6-5, 310, sr.) leads the charge here, while the other guard post will be shared by '98 starter Jerry Carmichael (6-4, 320, jr.) and '97 starter Donald Heaven (6-5, 315, jr.). Jarad Moon (6-4, 300, jr.) and Eric Thomas (6-3, 295, sr.) will again run 1-2 at center, while the tackle slots are filled by juniors Ross Brannon (6-8, 320) and Carlos Thomas (6-5, 320). Providing strong backup support in the O-line will be junior lettermen Otis Duhart (6-4, 295), Justin Amman (6-4, 305) and Ron Dorsey (6-7, 335), as well as A-A redshirt freshmen Brett Williams (6-6, 330) and Todd Williams (6-6, 310), who are not related.

Defensively, FSU is (as usual!) very strong up front where the four-man trench will be anchored by All-American tackle Corey Simon (6-4, 290, sr.) and nose guard Jerry Johnson (6-2, 285, sr.), who last year made a combined 127 tackles, including 26 for minus yardage and eight quarterback sacks. Also returning to his starting spot here is junior end Roland Seymour (6-4, 275), while the other flank spot will be shared by 1998 co-regulars Jamal Reynolds (6-4, 260, jr.) and David Warren (6-5, 260, jr.). A year ago, Seymour, Reynolds and Warren recorded an aggregate 130 tackles, including 24 for minus yardage with 11 QB sacks. The top reserves in the D-line will be lettermen Chris Walker (6-6, 240, sr.), Bryne Malone (6-7, 280, jr.) and Randy Wilkins (6-3, 260, sr.), along with three big-play A-A newcomers -- redshirt freshman Rian Cason (6-5, 320) and frosh recruits Darnell Dockett (6-4, 280) and Jeff Womble (6-3, 305).

The linebacking corps is headed by OLB Tommy Polley (6-5, 240, jr.) and MLB Brian Allen (6-2, 230, jr.), who last year made a combined 116 tackles with 11 for minus yardage and four QB sacks. 1998 co-regular Theon Rackley (6-2, 230, sr.) will man the OLB post opposite Polley, while the primary reserves at LB will be 1998 five-game starter Bobby Rhodes (6-1, 220, sr.), sophomore letterman Bradley Jennings (6-3, 240) and heralded redshirt freshmen Michael Hamilton (6-3, 220) and Jerel Hudson (6-3, 240).

The secondary welcomes back three starters -- strong safety Derrick Gibson (6-2, 210, jr.) and All-ACC cornerbacks Mario Edwards (6-2, 200,

sr.) and Tay Cody (5-11, 185, jr.). Edwards led the team in both interceptions (6) and pass breakups (11) last season. 1998 co-regulars Chris Hope (6-2, 200, so.) and Sean Key (6-1, 195, sr.) are set to run 1-2 at free safety, while others expected to log extensive duty in the deep zones are super redshirt freshman Stanford Samuels (5-10, 185) and experienced lettermen Reggie Durden (5-9, 175, sr.), Todd Frier (5-10, 185, sr.), Clevon Thomas (6-0, 180, jr.) and Jean Jeune (5-9, 195, jr.).

All-American placement specialist Sebastian Janikowski (6-2, 255, jr.) makes FSU's kicking game a team strength. He hit on 27 of 32 field goal tries and converted 42 of 43 PAT attempts last season, while incumbent punter Keith Cottrell (6-4, 210, jr.) also gave a very good account of himself as he averaged 41.3 yards per boot on 62 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The great Bobby Bowden has his Seminoles ready to make a run for all the marbles this season. FSU's veteran offense will definitely exceed its 1998 output of 401 yards and 32 points per game, while the defense will again be almost impossible to run on and very difficult to pass against as it proves to be as stingy as it was a year ago when the opposition was able to average only 215 yards and 12 points per outing. So what does all of the above tell you? Well, it tells us that this team could (if not should!) go through all of its foes like a dose of salts!

### 1998 Florida St Final Statistics

	Florida St	Opp
Points per game	32	12
1st Downs	246	147
Rush Att	515	412
Rush Yards	1797	958
Avg Rush	3.5	2.3
Pass Comp	185	138
Pass Att	357	335
Pass Yds	3019	1620
Had Int	9	18
Off Yds per game	401	215

### 1998 RESULTS

A. 31	vs Texas A&M	(-15)	L	23-14
S. 13	at N Carolina St	(-26 1/2)	L	7-24
19	Duke	(-27 1/2)	W	62-13
26	Southern Cal	(-13 1/2)	W	30-10
O. 3	at Maryland	(-28)	L	24-10
10	at Miami, Fla	(-10)	W	26-14
17	Clemson	(-26 1/2)	W	48-0
24	at Georgia Tech	(-13)	W	34-7
31	N Carolina	(-27)	L	39-13
N. 7	Virginia	(-17)	W	45-14
14	at Wake Forest	(-28)	L	24-7
21	Florida	(-2 1/2)	W	23-12
J. 4	vs Tennessee	(-5 1/2)	L	16-23

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STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 10
	Defense 6

Kudos to Head Coach George O'Leary and his Yellow Jackets! They were outstanding last season when they became co-champions of the ACC and chalked up 10 victories, including a 35-28 win over Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl. And with 10 starters returning to their prolific offense, the Jackets could (if not should!) easily emulate their 1998 achievements.

Tech's biggest weapon on the attack side is all-star quarterback Joe Hamilton (5-10, 190, sr.), a tremendous leader who last year completed 145 of 259 passes for 2,166 yards and 17 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. He also ran for 298 yards and four scores on 112 carries (a 2.7 avg.). Hamilton then burned the Fighting Irish in the Gator Bowl when he hit on 13 of 20 passes for 237 yards and three touchdowns! He'll be supported by sophomore George Godsey (6-2, 205) and talented redshirt freshman Jermaine Crenshaw (6-1, 205).

Junior split end Dez White (6-1, 215) spearheads Tech's receiving corps. He's a bona-fide A-A candidate who caught 46 passes for 973 yards (a 21.2 avg.) and nine touchdowns last season. Junior Jon Muires (6-2, 200), a starter at free safety in '97 who missed all of '98 with a foot injury, will take over at flanker, while the leading back-ups at WR will be lettermen Brett Basquin (6-1, 200, jr.) and Kelly Campbell (5-11, 170, so.), as well as promising redshirt freshman Kerry Watkins (5-11, 185). Sharing starting duties at tight end once more are strong-blocking senior Conrad Andrzejewski (6-2, 240) and sure-handed sophomore Russell Matvey (6-4, 240).

The Jackets are in good shape at the running back positions. The tailback post will again be shared by sophomore Joe Burns (5-10, 200) and senior Phillip Rogers (6-1, 220), who ran for a combined 940 yards and seven touchdowns last fall. They'll be supported by explosive sophomore Sean Gregory (6-0, 205), while the strong-blocking tandem of Ed Wilder (6-2, 255, jr.) and Virgil Johnson (6-1, 250, sr.) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

Up front, the blocking corps is a team strength with starters returning at all five positions. Noah King (6-2, 280, sr.) is over the ball at center, and he's flanked by guards Brent Key (6-5, 290, jr.) and Jason Burks (6-5, 295, sr.). The tackle posts are manned by All-ACC candidates Jon Carman (6-8, 340, sr.) and Chris Brown (6-6, 325, jr.), while the top reserves in the O-line will be 1998 co-regulars Bill Madigan (6-5, 305, sr.) and Kevin Knapp (6-4, 295, jr.), as well as promising sophomores Jason Kemble (6-4, 290) and Brian Meager (6-5, 280).

The defensive line will be anchored by big-play end Felipe Claybrooks (6-4, 260, jr.), who'll be a fulltime starter this year after recording a team-leading 10 quarterback sacks as a co-regular last season. Junior letterman Andy Josephson (6-3,

1998 Georgia Tech Final Statistics		
	Georgia Tech	Opp
Points per game	36	24
1st Downs	222	224
Rush Att	469	447
Rush Yards	2021	1844
Avg Rush	4.3	4.1
Pass Comp	153	199
Pass Att	280	361
Pass Yds	2255	2530
Had Int	8	10
Off Yds per game	389	398

1998 RESULTS		
S. 5	Boston College (-13 1/2)	L 31-41
12	New Mexico St (-34)	W 42-7
26	at N Carolina (+4 1/2)	W 43-21
O. 3	Duke (-10 1/2)	W 41-13
10	at N Carolina St (+2 1/2)	W 47-24
17	Virginia (+2 1/2)	W 41-38
24	Florida St (+13)	L 7-34
31	at Maryland (-13)	W 31-14
N. 12	at Clemson (-7 1/2)	L 24-21
21	Wake Forest (-17 1/2)	W 63-35
28	at Georgia (+3)	W 21-19
J. 1	vs Notre Dame (-3)	W 35-28

270) will get the starting call at the other flank post, while the two tackle positions will again be shared by Merrix Watson (6-3, 295, so.), Guenter Kryszon (6-4, 280, so.), Bryan Corhen (6-4, 305, jr.) and Tony Robinson (6-4, 310, jr.). The top reserves at DE should be junior Ira Claxton (6-5, 270) and super frosh recruits Greg Gathers (6-3, 260), Hugh Reilly (6-4, 260) and Fred Wright (6-4, 260), while the DT posts will be further strengthened by the emergence of highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Tim Brown (6-2, 300) and Berwin Echols (6-3, 320).

The linebacking corps welcomes back two starters -- Matt Miller (6-4, 240, jr.) and Chris Edwards (6-5, 240, sr.), who made a combined 118 tackles last fall. The third starter here will be former regular Matt Uremovich (6-1, 220), who was suspended for the last six games of the '98 campaign. Toiling as top reserves in this area will be senior letterman Donte Booker (5-11, 230) and hard-hitting youngsters Ross Mitchell (6-2, 235, so.) and Kelvin Hughley (6-2, 250, RSF).

All-America candidate Travares Tillman (6-2, 195, sr.) will spearhead the secondary from his free safety position, with junior cornerback Jamara Clark (5-8, 170) also returning to his starting post. Lettermen Troy Tolbert (6-1, 195, jr.) and Chris Young (6-0, 195, so.) are first in line to fill the vacant cornerback and strong safety slots, respectively, while laboring as leading backups in the deep zones will be senior lettermen Ron Mabra (5-10, 195) and Reggie Wilcox (6-1, 190), as well as speedy redshirt freshman Marvious Hester (5-11, 170) and A-A frosh recruit Selwyn Scott (5-10, 175).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Piloted by skillful quarterback Joe Hamilton, Tech's well-balanced attack is gonna plunder a lot of territory as it surpasses its 1998 output of 389 yards and 36 points per game. On the stop side, the Techsters aren't exactly world-beaters, but we believe they'll be a little less yielding than they were a year ago when they surrendered averages of 398 yards and 24 points per outing. All told, the Yellow Jackets may not win as many games as they did last season, but they're gonna win a helluva lot more than they lose! And they're gonna secure another bowl bid!

# NORTH CAROLINA

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost 16
	Returning 48
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
	Defense 4

After opening their '98 campaign with three straight losses, the Tar Heels rebounded with seven wins in their last nine games, including a 20-13 victory over San Diego State in the Las Vegas Bowl. Head Coach Carl Torbush thinks his charges can do even better this season. And they could -- but only if Coach Torbush can successfully rebuild a defense that lost seven starters to graduation.

Carolina's offense should stack up as a team strength. This unit will be headed by sophomore quarterback Ronald Curry (6-2, 205), a co-starter as a true freshman last season when he threw for 975 yards and six touchdowns. He actually proved to be a better runner than he was a passer in '98 as he ran for 512 yards and three scores on 90 carries (a 5.7 avg.). Curry will be backstopped by junior letterman Kevin Carty (6-3, 215) and promising redshirt freshman Luke Huard (6-4, 220).

The receiving corps is getting a big boost with the return of two former starters who were sidelined by injuries last season -- all-star tight end Alge Crumpler (6-3, 265, jr.) and wide receiver Jason Peace (6-1, 180, sr.), who caught a combined 61 passes for 773 yards and six touchdowns two years ago. The other wideout post will be manned by 1998 co-regular Kory Bailey (6-1, 190, so.), who snared 38 spirals for 363 yards and four TDs in '98. Also in the WR picture are lettermen Greg Harris (6-2, 215, sr.) and Danny Davis (6-0, 185, so.), while the top reserves at TE will be sophomore Doug Brown (6-4, 260) and junior Dauntae Finger (6-4, 265), who lettered at DE and TE, respectively, last fall.

Carolina's running game should be a more potent force due primarily to a blocking corps that returns intact. Cam Holland (6-2, 310, jr.) and Ryan Cartley (6-1, 305, sr.) will again run 1-2 at center, and the other incumbent starters here are guards Mike Gimble (6-4, 315, sr.) and Bryan Jones (6-4, 295, sr.), and tackles James Wagstaff (6-4, 360, jr.) and Kareem Ellis (6-5, 320, sr.). Also pushing for regular duty in the O-line will be super redshirt freshman Bryant Malloy (6-3, 310) and senior lettermen Joe Ellison (6-3, 295) and Allen Mogridge (6-4, 290), with the latter having started at tight end last year.

The stable of ball carriers is stocked with experienced hands. Senior Deon Dyer (5-11, 255), a bruising runner and blocker who blasted for 273 yards and six touchdowns last fall, returns at fullback where he'll again be supported by 1998 co-regular Ronnie Robinson (6-1, 235, jr.), who also plied his wares at tailback in '98. Returning as the starting TB is sophomore Rufus Brown (6-2, 215), who ran for a team-leading 534 yards last season, and he'll be backstopped by sophomore lettermen Anthony Saunders (6-1, 225) and Dominique Williams (6-0, 210), as well as A-A frosh recruit Daniel Davis (5-11, 215).

Defensively, Carolina's strength should be a three-man linebacking corps headed by MLB Brandon Spoon (6-2, 245, sr.) and OLB Sedrick Hodge (6-4, 240, jr.). A year ago, Spoon made a team-leading 138 tackles with five quarterback sacks, while Hodge recorded 89 hits with four QB

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Points per game	24	25
1st Downs	181	186
Rush Att	414	472
Rush Yards	1431	1404
Avg Rush	3.5	3.0
Pass Comp	168	151
Pass Att	333	315
Pass Yds	2185	2409
Had Int	10	12
Off Yds per game	329	347

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Miami, OH	(-19)	L	10-13
19	at Stanford	(-8)	L	34-37
26	Georgia Tech	(-4 1/2)	L	21-43
O. 3	Clemson	(-6 1/2)	W	21-14
10	Pittsburgh	(-7)	W	29-10
24	at Wake Forest	(-4 1/2)	W	38-31
31	at Florida St	(+27)	W	13-39
N. 7	Maryland	(-16)	L	24-13
14	at Virginia	(+10)	L	13-30
21	at Duke	(-6 1/2)	W	28-6
28	at N Carolina St	(+2 1/2)	W	37-34
D. 19	vs San Diego St	(-7)	P	20-13

sacks. 1998 co-regular Merceda Perry (6-4, 250, jr.), who made 41 tackles last fall, will fill the vacant outside backer slot, while the top reserves in this area figure to be lettermen Tim Burgess (6-1, 245, jr.) and Quincy Monk (6-3, 240, sr.).

Up front, the four-man trench will be anchored by senior tackle Sherrod Peace (6-4, 285), who last year made 57 tackles, including eight for minus yardage with four QB sacks. The other tackle post will be manned by 1998 co-regular Ryan Sims (6-4, 300, so.), who had 31 stops with two sacks last fall, while senior letterman Teto Simpson (6-4, 270) is a cinch to start at one end position. Junior letterman Stephon McQueen (6-4, 270) hopes to fill the other end slot, but his hopes could be dashed by A-A redshirt freshman Julius Peppers (6-6, 290). Others who should figure prominently in the D-line mix are lettermen Anthony Perkins (6-4, 260, jr.), Ross McAllister (6-5, 270, jr.) and Joey Evans (6-4, 270, so.), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Brian Norwood (6-4, 295).

The ringleaders in the secondary will be Billy-Dee Greenwood (6-1, 190, so.) and Antwon Black (5-11, 190, jr.). They shared the free safety position last year, but Black will move to strong safety this season. Sophomore lettermen Errol Hood (5-10, 10) and Anthony Anderson (5-8, 175, so.) are expected to man the two cornerback posts, while also pushing for extensive playing time in the deep zones will be 1998 co-regular Quinton Savage (5-11, 195, jr.); lettermen J.P. Bomar (6-0,

180, so.) and Tyrell Godwin (5-10, 190, jr.); redshirt freshman Marcus Jones (6-1, 200); and A-A frosh recruit Michael Waddell (5-11, 175).

All-ACC punter Brian Schmitz (6-0, 170, sr.) and placekicker Josh McGee (5-9, 180, sr.) are back to spearhead Carolina's kicking game. Schmitz averaged 44.8 yards per boot on 75 punts last fall, while McGee hit on 16 of 21 field goal tries and 31 of 32 PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** There's no question that Carolina's offense will be able to advance the pig with greater frequency than it did a year ago when it averaged 329 yards and 24 points per game, but there's also no question that the jury is still out on the Tar Heel stop troops. If the verdict proves to be favorable and the defense gives ground more grudgingly than it did last season, this team could finish at or near the top of the ACC standings. It's a prospect we'd rather bet on than against!

## VIRGINIA

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	42
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	8
	Defense	6

As we told you they would, the Cavaliers gave a great account of themselves last season when they won nine games and secured a bid to the Peach Bowl, where they lost a 35-33 heartbreaker to the Georgia Bulldogs. This time around, the Cavs will be a little hard-pressed to match their '98 exploits because they lost super quarterback Aaron Brooks and five big-play defenders to graduation.

Head Coach George Welsh hopes that junior letterman Dan Ellis (6-2, 205) can fill the big void that exists at quarterback. Ellis won the starting job during spring drills, and he looked pretty good in doing so. He'll be supported by junior David Rivers (6-3, 220), who also did well in spring practice, along with talented frosh recruits Matt Schaub (6-6, 225) and Bryson Spinner (6-3, 215).

The receiving corps will be headed by junior wideout Kevin Coffey (6-4, 210), a big-play performer who last season chalked up 583 yards and five touchdowns on 23 receptions (a 25.4 avg.). Junior Ahmad Hawkins (5-10, 195), who snared 10 tosses for 176 yards and two TDs last fall, will man the other wideout post, while the tight end position will again be shared by Casey Crawford (6-6, 260, sr.) and Billy Baber (6-4, 250, jr.), who caught a combined 22 passes for 353 yards in '98. Returning as top reserves at the WR posts are Demetrius Dotson (6-0, 190, jr.) and James Johnson (6-1, 185, so.), who caught an aggregate seven passes last year.

Virginia's potent ground game will be humming a happy tune again this season with the return of alternating tailbacks Thomas Jones (5-10, 205, sr.) and Antoine Womack (5-11, 210, jr.), who last year ran for a combined 2,011 yards and 17 touchdowns on a total of 350 carries (a 5.7 avg.). They'll be strongly supported by super A-A redshirt freshman Arlen Harris (5-11, 195), while powerful senior Anthony Southern (6-0, 240) and hard-running junior Patrick Washington (6-3, 240) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

The blocking corps will be a team strength with the return of four starters -- center John St. Clair (6-5, 305, sr.), tackle Josh Lawton (6-5, 310, so.) and guards Noel LaMontagne (6-5, 310, sr.) and Evan Routzahn (6-5, 315, so.). 1998 co-regular Brad Barnes (6-7, 320, jr.) will fill the vacant tack-

le slot, while the leading backups in the O-line will be lettermen George Seals (6-5, 290, sr.), Jermese Jones (6-6, 325, jr.) and Dustin Keith (6-5, 300, jr.), as well as heralded redshirt freshman Butch Jefferson (6-4, 310).

Defensively, the Cavs will be led into battle by junior outside linebackers Byron Thweatt (6-2, 240) and Donny Green (6-2, 235), who last year made a combined 184 tackles, including 14 for minus yardage. Junior letterman Yubrenal Isabelle (6-1, 240) will take over at middle linebacker, while others in the LB picture are junior letterman Earl Sims (6-1, 230) and senior Shannon Taylor (6-3, 250), a co-regular at DE and OLB in '97 who was sidelined by the professors last season.

The four-man front wall features two returning starters in end Travis Griffith (6-3, 260, sr.) and tackle Maurice Anderson (6-3, 295, sr.). 1998 co-regulars Darryl Sanders (6-3, 275, sr.) and Monsanto Pope (6-3, 280, so.) figure to occupy the vacant flank and tackle berths, respectively, although Pope may very well be relegated to reserve status by senior Johnny Shivers (6-5, 310), a starter at DT in '97 who sat out the '98 campaign. Also in the D-line mix will be '98 reserves Kofi Bawuah (6-2, 290, jr.) and Ljubomir Stamenich (6-3, 270, so.).

The secondary is solid at cornerback with the return of Tim Spruill (5-10, 180, jr.) on one side, and alternating starters Dwayne Stukes (5-11, 195, sr.) and Antwan Harris (5-10, 190, sr.) at the other CB position. Sophomore letterman Devon Simmons (5-11, 195) is a cinch to start at one safety spot, while the other safety slot should be filled by junior monogram winner Duane Fisher (6-2, 205). Ticketed as top reserves in the deep zones are

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## 1998 Virginia Final Statistics

	Virginia	Opp
Points per game	30	19
1st Downs	235	188
Rush Att	468	406
Rush Yards	2344	1304
Avg Rush	5.0	3.2
Pass Comp	158	172
Pass Att	296	342
Pass Yds	2349	2362
Had Int	10	16
Off Yds per game	427	333

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3 at Auburn	(-1)	W	19-0
12 Maryland	(-30 1/2)	L	31-19
19 Clemson	(-15)	L	20-18
26 at Duke	(-10)	W	24-0
O. 3 San Jose St	(-28)	W	52-14
17 at Georgia Tech	(-2 1/2)	L	38-41
24 N Carolina St	(-10 1/2)	L	23-13
31 at Wake Forest	(-12)	W	38-17
N. 7 at Florida St	(+17)	L	14-45
14 N Carolina	(-10)	W	30-13
28 at Virginia Tech	(+2 1/2)	W	36-32
D. 31 vs Georgia	(-2 1/2)	L	33-35

experienced lettermen Matt D'Acunto (6-1, 190, jr.), Parker Lange (6-1, 185, so.), Jason Small (6-1, 195, jr.) and Jermaine Lauzon (6-3, 200, so.).

The kicking game will again be handled by senior punter Donnie Scott (6-5, 215) and junior placement specialist Todd Braverman (5-7, 170, jr.). A year ago, Scott averaged 42.6 yards per boot on 58 punts, while Braverman hit on 12 of 19 field goal tries and 38 of 39 PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Cavaliers will utilize a strong ground game as their primary mode of travel, but how effective this unit is in '99 will depend a great deal on the play of its new starting quarterback. We believe Virginia's attack force will prove to be more than fairly effective, and so will its defense, although the stop troops may be a bit more generous than they were last season. All told, the Cavs will forge another winning record this season, but we don't foresee them equalling their 1998 win total.

## N.C. STATE

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	44
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 6
	Defense	7

As they gird themselves for battle in the 1999 grid wars, Head Coach Mike O'Cain and his Wolfpack have been observed hiding in thickets while planning to ambush unsuspecting visitors to Raleigh. And from our vantage point, we can also tell you that the Pack is gonna get more than a piece of Little Red Riding Hood this season!

Offensively, State's vaunted aerial attack will again be launched by senior quarterback Jamie Barnette (6-0, 190), a clever field general who last year completed 193 of 377 passes for 3,169 yards

and 18 touchdowns with just 11 interceptions. He'll be backstopped once more by junior letterman Charles Berry (6-3, 195), who threw for 187 yards and one TD in '98.

State will sorely miss the services of graduated wideout Torry Holt, who caught 88 passes for 1,604 yards and 11 touchdowns last fall, but the receiving corps looked pretty good during spring drills. Senior Chris Coleman (6-0, 195) returns to his WR position after catching 52 passes for 876 yards and five scores last season, while senior Ryan Hamrick (6-3, 200), who caught 16 passes for 323 yards and one TD as a top reserve in '98, will man the other wideout post. Also in the WR mix will be sophomore letterman Ricky Collins (6-3, 200) and redshirt freshman Koren Robinson (6-2, 195), while the vacant tight end position is being fought for by converted DT Cecil McCarty (6-4, 270, jr.), ex-linebacker Tramayne Simmons (6-3, 240, jr.) and lightly-experienced sophomore Andy VanDerVeer (6-5, 260).

State's running game will benefit from the return of alternating tailbacks Rashon Spikes (5-11, 205, sr.) and Ray Robinson (5-11, 195, so.), who ran for a combined 1,203 yards and 11 touchdowns last year. They'll be backstopped by talented redshirt freshmen Carlos Doggett (5-11, 200) and K.J. Stone (6-0, 190), while senior letterman Derek Roberts (6-2, 230) will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by redshirt freshman Quincy King (6-1, 220).

Up front, the blocking corps promises to be very good. Especially at guard where returning starters Alex Rice (6-4, 310, jr.), Alex Santos (6-3, 315, sr.) and Ryan Knudtson (6-5, 305, sr.) will share the two positions. Returning to his tackle post is senior Todd Boyle (6-7, 310), while 1998 co-regulars Jarvis Borum (6-8, 335, jr.) and John Fletcher (6-8, 320, sr.) are expected to run 1-2 at the other tackle berth. Sophomore letterman Keegan Weir (6-5, 290) will get the starting call at center, and he'll be supported by heralded redshirt freshman Derek Green (6-4, 270).

The strength of State's defense should be at linebacker with the return of all three starters and their number one backups. The head honchos here are MLB Edrick Smith (6-2, 235, so.) and OLBs Levar Fisher (6-2, 225, so.) and Clayton White (6-0, 225, jr.); and the top reserves are '98 co-regular Sheldon Kee (6-0, 245, sr.) and sophomore lettermen Corey Lyons (6-1, 210) and William Pannell (6-4, 240).

The four-man defensive line is solid at the tackles where Jeff Fisher (6-2, 300, jr.), Darius Bryant (6-2, 300, so.), Rashad Streets (6-2, 290, jr.) and Jeff Kuh (6-4, 280, jr.) are back to share the two starting posts. The vacant end positions are being fought for by lettermen Nate Goodson (6-4, 260, so.), Clint Johnson (6-4, 260, jr.), Corey Smith (6-3, 250, so.) and Brian Jamison (6-2, 230, so.), and all four were very impressive during spring drills.

All-ACC cornerback Lloyd Harrison (5-11, 195) will spearhead the secondary after making a league-leading seven interceptions last season. Senior Tony Scott (6-0, 190), who picked off two enemy passes in '98, returns to the other CB position, while 1998 co-regular Adrian Wilson (6-2, 190, so.) and sophomore letterman Brian Williams (6-1, 195) will fill the vacancies at strong safety and free safety, respectively. Toiling as top reserves in the deep zones once more will be lettermen Marcelle Hough (5-10, 175, sr.), Anthony Cason (5-10, 180, so.) and Eric Riddick (6-1, 185, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** There's no

## 1998 N.C. State Final Statistics

	N.C. State	Opp
Points per game	31	28
1st Downs	231	211
Rush Att	406	443
Rush Yards	1470	1848
Avg Rush	3.6	4.2
Pass Comp	210	164
Pass Att	405	314
Pass Yds	3401	2271
Had Int	11	19
Off Yds per game	443	375

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 3 Ohio U	(-12 1/2)	L	34-31
12 Florida St	(-26 1/2)	W	24-7
19 at Baylor	(-4)	L	30-33
O. 1 Syracuse	(+12)	W	38-17
10 Georgia Tech	(-2 1/2)	L	24-47
17 Duke	(-10 1/2)	L	27-24
24 at Virginia	(+10 1/2)	W	13-23
31 at Clemson	(-4 1/2)	W	46-39
N. 7 Wake Forest	(-14)	L	38-27
21 at Maryland	(-10)	W	35-21
28 at N Carolina	(-2 1/2)	L	34-37
D. 29 vs Miami, Fla.	(+7)	L	23-46

question that State's offense won't be able to replace A-A wideout Holt, but there's also no question that this unit will be just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 443 yards and 31 points per game. And when you also consider that the Wolfpack stop troops will be stingier than they were last season, you simply have to conclude that this team will compile another winning record while attempting to secure a lucrative bowl bid. Which we have concluded!

## CLEMSON

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	43
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
	Defense	6

Watch out for the Tigers! They're young and talented, and they'll be led by super head coach Tommy Bowden (yes, the great Bobby's son!), who comes to Clemson from Tulane where he led the Green Wave to unprecedented heights. And he'll soon be performing the same feat in Death Valley!

Offensively, the Tigers will again be led into battle by senior quarterback Brandon Streeter (6-3, 200), who last year completed 150 of 282 passes for 1,948 yards and 13 touchdowns. He's supported by sophomore Woodrow Dantzler (5-11, 200), a good athlete who ran and passed for almost 200 yards in '98.

The receiving corps returns intact and is headed by senior wideouts Brian Wofford (6-1, 175) and Mal Lawyer (6-0, 190), who caught a combined 66 passes for 999 yards and eight TDs last season. Also in the WR picture is junior Rod Gardner (6-4, 220), who snared 20 spirals for 263 yards in '98, while sophomore T.J. Watkins (6-3, 260) returns at tight end where he'll be supported by promising redshirt freshman Jason LeMay (6-4, 245).

Clemson's stable of ball carriers is more than adequate. The wheelhorses here are alternating tailbacks Travis Zachery (6-0, 195, so.) and Jarvis Austin (5-11, 210, jr.), who ran for an aggregate 914 yards and seven scores last fall. Also in the

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## 1998 Clemson Final Statistics

	Clemson	Opp
Points per game	20	25
1st Downs	166	188
Rush Att	413	415
Rush Yards	1324	1150
Avg Rush	3.2	2.8
Pass Comp	158	160
Pass Att	299	327
Pass Yds	2030	2371
Had Int	14	7
Off Yds per game	305	320

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Furman	(NL)		33-0
12	Virginia Tech	(-3)	L	0-37
19	at Virginia	(+15)	W	18-20
26	Wake Forest	(-6)	L	19-29
O. 3	at N Carolina	(+6 1/2)	L	14-21
10	Maryland	(-7)	W	23-0
17	at Florida St	(+26 1/2)	L	0-48
24	at Duke	(+2 1/2)	L	23-28
31	N Carolina St	(+4 1/2)	L	39-46
N. 12	Georgia Tech	(+7 1/2)	W	21-24
21	S Carolina	(-5 1/2)	W	28-19

TB mix are heralded redshirt freshman Gary Johnson (5-11, 215) and A-A frosh recruit Chad Jasmin (5-10, 205), while strong-blocking senior Terry Witherspoon (6-0, 255) and sophomore letterman Vince Ciurciu (6-0, 230) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

Up front, the blocking corps lost four starters and will be rebuilt around sophomore Kyle Young (6-3, 270), who started at guard last year but will move to center this season. 1998 co-regular Akil

Smith (6-4, 280, so.) will man one tackle post, with A-A redshirt freshman Brady Washburn (6-6, 295) ticketed to take over at the other tackle position. The two guard slots will be filled by outstanding sophomore letterman Neely Page (6-4, 300) and super A-A redshirt freshman Gary Byrd (6-4, 310), while the top reserves in this area will be junior lettermen John McDermott (6-6, 290) and Theo Mougros (6-2, 270); A-A redshirt freshmen Jeremy Carroll (6-5, 310) and David Haselden (6-7, 295); and A-A frosh recruits William Henry (6-5, 310) and Greg Walker (6-5, 320).

Defensively, the Tigers lost several big-play people, but this unit should still be pretty salty. Especially up front, where the four-man trench is anchored by junior ends Gary Childress (6-3, 270) and Terry Bryant (6-4, 275), who made a combined 72 tackles last fall. 1998 three-game starter Damonte McKenzie (6-2, 285, sr.) and 1998 co-regular Jason Holloman (6-3, 280, jr.) will man the two tackle posts where they'll be backstopped by lettermen Terry Jolly (6-2, 285, jr.), Jovon Bush (6-5, 295, so.) and Freddie James (6-1, 270, jr.). Supporting the incumbent ends will be highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Nick Eason (6-3, 250) and Brandon Rouse (6-4, 265), as well as big-play frosh recruit Paul White (6-4, 280).

Senior middle linebacker Harold Means (6-0, 225) will spearhead the second line of defense after making 94 tackles with eight for minus yardage last year. 1998 co-regular Keith Adams (5-11, 225, so.) will man one outside backer berth, with sophomore letterman Braxton Williams (6-2, 225) ticketed to fill the other OLB slot. Projected as top reserves in the LB corps are sophomore lettermen Chad Carlson (6-2, 235) and Altroy Bodrick (6-0, 220), as well as A-A frosh recruit Rodney Thomas (6-2, 230).

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The secondary is a veteran crew that welcomes back three starters -- free safety Robert Carswell (6-0, 210, jr.) and cornerbacks DoMarco Fox (6-1, 185, sr.) and Alex Ardley (5-10, 170, so.). 1998 co-regular Charles Hafley (6-1, 190, so.) will take over at strong safety, while backup support in the deep zones will be provided by lettermen Dextra Polite (6-0, 185, sr.), Darrel Crutchfield (6-1, 180, jr.) and Chad Speck (6-0, 205, jr.), as well as A-A frosh recruits Eric Meekins (6-3, 195) and Brian Mance (6-0, 185).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Tigers boast returning starters at all of the offensive skill positions, so if the rebuilt blocking corps comes through, Clemson's attack force will surpass its 1998 output of 305 yards per game. We think it will, and we also think the Clemson defense can be just as grudging as it was a year ago when it allowed an average of 320 yards per outing. The Tigers don't figure to challenge for ACC supremacy this season, but they do figure to win more games than they did last year.

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# MARYLAND

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	19
	Returning	33
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 10
	Defense	7

The Terps posted another losing record last season, but they were much more competitive than they were two years ago. Entering his third campaign at the Maryland helm, Head Coach Ron Vanderlinden is convinced that his Terrapins will be a helluva lot more competitive than they've ever been during his relatively brief tenure in College Park. And we're convinced that he's right!

So is sophomore quarterback Randall Jones (6-2, 210), who was impressive while starting four games as a true freshman last season when he completed 44 of 98 passes for 567 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for another 230 yards and three more scores on 77 carries (a 3.0 avg.). Battling Jones for the starting QB job will be heralded redshirt freshman Calvin McCall (6-3, 195) and A-A frosh recruit Latrez Harrison (6-3, 215), who threw for 2,400 yards and 27 TDs as a prepster last fall.

The receiving corps returns intact and is headed by wideouts Jermaine Arrington (5-9, 175, sr.) and Moises Cruz (5-11, 175, jr.), who caught a combined 38 passes for 549 yards and three scores in '98. Returning as top reserves at WR are juniors Omar Cheeseboro (6-2, 190) and Jason Hatala (6-0, 175), while strong-blocking senior John Waerig (6-2, 270) is back at tight end where he's supported by impressive sophomore lettermen Matt Murphy (6-5, 245) and Eric James (6-2, 255), as well as former starter Mike Hull (6-5, 265, jr.).

The Terps are quite solid at the running back positions where TB LaMont Jordan (5-11, 215, jr.) and FB Matt Kalapinski (6-1, 225, jr.) are back in the fold after rushing for an aggregate 1,276 yards and nine touchdowns last year. Jordan is supported by senior Harold Westley (5-7, 170), who ran for 273 yards in '98, while Kalapinski will be backstopped by senior letterman Kenny Rogers (5-9, 195) and A-A redshirt freshman Chad Killian (6-2, 235).

Up front, a very good blocking corps welcomes back four starters -- tackle Brad Messina (6-5, 295, sr.), center Melvin Fowler (6-3, 275, so.) and guards Jamie Wu (6-3, 310, sr.) and Mike George (6-4, 310, so.). Juniors Timm Howard (6-4, 305) and Brett Trammell (6-5, 310) are first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot, while others vying for playing time in the O-line are sophomore Chris Snader (6-5, 295) and redshirt freshmen Matt Crawford (6-6, 305) and Bob Krantz (6-5, 280).

Defensively, the Terps are pretty salty up front where the four-man trench is anchored by end Peter Timmins (6-3, 260, sr.) and nose tackle Delbert Cowsette (6-1, 280, sr.), who last year made a combined 180 tackles, including 21 for minus yardage with nine quarterback sacks. Also back to his starting post is junior tackle Kris

## 1998 Maryland Final Statistics

	Maryland	Opp
Points per game	18	26
1st Downs	163	209
Rush Att	471	446
Rush Yards	1773	1749
Avg Rush	3.8	3.9
Pass Comp	106	172
Pass Att	233	319
Pass Yds	1288	2222
Had Int	11	13
Off Yds per game	278	361

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	James Madison (NL)	23-15
12 at	Virginia (+30 1/2)	W 19-31
19 at	W Virginia (+19)	L 20-42
26	Temple (-9 1/2)	W 30-20
O. 3	Florida St (+28)	W 10-24
10 at	Clemson (+7)	L 0-23
17	Wake Forest (PK)	L 10-20
31	Georgia Tech (+13)	L 14-31
N. 7 at	N Carolina (+16)	W 13-24
14 at	Duke (+9)	W 42-25
21	N Carolina St (+10)	L 21-35

Jenkins (6-5, 300), while the vacant flank slot will be filled by senior Erwyn Lyght (6-0, 215), a starter at LB in '97 who was shelved by injuries last season. Providing strong backup support in the D-line will be 1998 co-regular Charles Hill (6-2, 290, so.), redshirt freshman Todd Bradley (6-2, 280) and senior lettermen Nate Rust (6-4, 250) and Eric Calendine (6-3, 250).

The linebacking corps has two big holes to fill after the graduation of all-star ILBs Eric Barton and Kendall Ogle. This unit will be rebuilt around sophomores Aaron Thompson (6-1, 230) and Ryan Swift (6-1, 230), who will again run 1-2 at the outside backer position. The two inside backer posts are being fought for by A-A redshirt freshman E.J. Henderson (6-2, 240) and four rugged sophomores -- Marlon Moore (6-1, 230), Reggie Lewis (6-0, 240), Monte Graves (6-0, 240) and Corey Smith (5-11, 220).

The secondary welcomes back two 1998 starters -- free safety Shawn Forte (6-0, 195, jr.) and cornerback Tony Okanlawon (5-11, 180, so.) -- and has received a big boost with the healthy return of cornerback Lewis Sanders (6-1, 200, jr.), who missed last season because of injuries after earning accolades as Maryland's best defensive player two years ago when he made 74 tackles and intercepted four enemy aerials. 1998 co-regular Rod Little (5-11, 195, so.) will get the starting call at strong safety, while backup support in the deep zones will come from redshirt freshman Tyrone Stewart (6-0, 185) and lettermen Renard Cox (6-0, 190, sr.), Tony Jackson (6-1, 205, jr.) and Daryl Whitmer (6-0, 185, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** There's no question that Maryland's offense will pack a bigger wallop than it did last season when it averaged only 278 yards and 18 points per game. As for the Terp stop troops, if the new inside linebackers are up to the mark, this unit will be as good (or better!) than it was a year ago when it surrendered averages of 361 yards and 26 points per outing. The Terrapins are making good progress under Coach Vanderlinden, and that progress will continue this season -- but not to the extent that Maryland will be a force in the ACC.

# DUKE

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
	Defense	9

Former Florida assistant Carl Franks has been handed the head coaching reins at Duke, and he has vowed to turn this program around in a hurry. And he might be able to do just that because he has 18 starters returning from a squad that was a lot better than its '98 record would have you believe.

Coach Franks believes he has two good quarterbacks in Spencer Romine (6-3, 200) and Bobby Campbell (6-5, 215), who shared starting duties last season and completed a combined 172 of 353 passes for 2,061 yards and nine touchdowns with 14 interceptions, a ratio they expect to improve on this year.

The receiving corps is headed by split end Scottie Montgomery (6-1, 195, sr.) and flanker Richmond Flowers (6-0, 190, jr.), who caught a combined 108 passes for 1,497 yards and seven touchdowns last season. They'll be supported by sophomore lettermen Kyle Moore (5-11, 185), Ben Erdeljac (6-0, 195), Kyle Shanahan (6-3, 180) and Bryan Ament (6-5, 215), while Mike Hart (6-6, 250, so.) and Terrence Dupree (6-4, 255, sr.) are back at tight end after catching an aggregate 33 passes last fall.

The leaders of Duke's ground game are alternating tailbacks B.J. Hill (5-11, 200, so.) and Letavious Wilks (5-9, 185, sr.), who ran for a combined 1,160 yards and eight touchdowns last year. They'll be supported by junior Duane Epperson (5-9, 190), who rushed for 185 yards and two scores in '98, as well as super frosh recruit Chris Douglas (5-10, 180), while junior letterman Devin Pierce (5-10, 230) will take over at fullback where he'll be backstopped by promising redshirt freshman Clayton Kennedy (6-1, 235).

Up front, the offensive interior line welcomes back four starters -- center Troy Andrew (6-5, 290, jr.), guard Shawn Lynch (6-4, 280, so.) and tackles Wes White (6-7, 295, jr.) and Austin Smithwick (6-6, 275, sr.). Junior lettermen Robert Fleming (6-3, 280) and Mike Alberto (6-3, 280) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant guard post, while the top reserves in the blocking corps will be lettermen Kevin Schmidt (6-5, 275, jr.), John Miller (6-6, 315, so.) and Wally Niemcow (6-5, 295, jr.).

On the other side of the ball, Duke's first line of defense will be anchored by senior ends Chris Combs (6-6, 285) and Gannon Shepherd (6-8, 280), who last year made a combined 69 tackles, including 21 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. They'll be backstopped by lettermen Troy Austin (6-3, 280, jr.), Charles Porter (6-4, 250, so.) and Tyrann Grissom (6-4, 280, so.), while 1998 co-regular Mike Steinbaugh (6-4, 260, jr.) will take over at nose guard where he'll be supported by redshirt freshman Noah Wilson (6-1, 270) and sophomore Nick Wilkerson (6-3, 305).

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## 1998 Duke Final Statistics

	Duke	Opp
Points per game	21	29
1st Downs	199	184
Rush Att	481	404
Rush Yards	1615	1716
Avg Rush	3.4	4.2
Pass Comp	177	163
Pass Att	365	329
Pass Yds	2119	2116
Had Int	14	8
Off Yds per game	339	348

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	W Carolina	(NL)		24-10
12	at Northwestern	(+12 1/2)	W	44-10
19	at Florida St	(+27 1/2)	L	13-62
26	Virginia	(+10)	L	0-24
O. 3	at Georgia Tech	(+10 1/2)	L	13-41
10	at Wake Forest	(+5)	W	19-26
17	at N Carolina St	(+10 1/2)	W	24-27
24	Clemson	(-2 1/2)	W	28-23
31	at Vanderbilt	(-4)	L	33-36
N. 14	Maryland	(-9)	L	25-42
21	N Carolina	(+6 1/2)	L	6-28

returning starters in OLB Kevin Lewis (6-1, 230, sr.) and ILBs Ryan Stallmeyer (6-1, 230, sr.) and Todd DeLamielleure (6-0, 230, so.). A year ago, they made a combined 238 tackles, including 28 for minus yardage with eight QB sacks. Junior lettermen Nate Krill (6-8, 265) and Kendral Knight (6-4, 240) are banging heads for the right to fill the outside backer spot opposite Lewis,

while strong backup support in this area will come from 1998 co-regular Brian McCormack (6-7, 245, sr.) and lettermen Randy Ament (6-1, 230, jr.) and Levar Johnson (6-0, 230, so.).

The secondary returns intact and is headed by strong safety Darius Clark (5-11, 205, sr.), who made 81 tackles and intercepted two passes last season. The other starters back on duty here are free safety Eric Jones (6-0, 180, sr.) and cornerbacks Lamar Grant (5-11, 185, sr.) and Ronnie Hamilton (5-9, 175, so.). Operating as key reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen Luke Roush (6-0, 200, jr.) and Quentin Holley (6-0, 185, so.), as well as talented redshirt freshmen Josh Kreider (6-1, 195) and Derrick Lee (5-11, 190).

The kicking game is in good shape with the return of placekicker Sims Lenhardt (5-11, 185, sr.) and punter Brian Morton (6-6, 215, jr.). A year ago, Lenhardt hit on 16 of 22 field goal tries and converted all 21 of his PAT attempts, while Morton averaged 40.4 yards per boot on 73 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Most of their foes are gonna have a devil of a time when playing the Blue Devils this season. Duke's offense will benefit greatly from an improved ground game and another very good aerial attack as it surpasses its 1998 output of 339 yards and 21 points per game, and its defense, though anything but an immovable object, should be a lot more grudging than it was last season when it was burned for almost 29 points per outing. All of which prompts us to believe that the Blue Devils will win four or five games while flirting with a winning record this year. And we believe it!

## WAKE FOREST

(3-8-0)

LETTERMEN Lost 14

Returning 50

STARTERS RETURNING Offense 6

Defense 8

The Demon Deacons were bedeviled by a very weak ground game and a slew of defensive injuries last season as they sank to the lower confines of the ACC. This time around, they're hoping a more balanced attack and a stronger defense can propel them over the .500 barrier. But they'd better not get their hopes too high!

Actually, Head Coach Jim Caldwell is just hoping to find a good replacement for graduated quarterback Brian Kuklick, who threw for over 8,000 yards and 44 touchdowns during his three-year stint as Wake's starting signal caller. The heir-apparent here is experienced senior Ben Sankey (6-2, 215), who completed 38 of 58 passes (65.5%!) for 468 yards and four TDs while playing in only five games last season. Sankey will be supported by senior Dan Bradley (6-5, 230) and A-A frosh recruit C.J. Leak (6-4, 220), one of the top five QBs in the prep ranks last fall.

The receiving corps is headed by senior wideout Jammie Deese (6-0, 185), who caught 68 passes for 826 yards and three scores last year, while 1998 three-game starter Marvin Chalmers (6-2, 205, sr.), who snared 31 tosses for 438 yards and two TDs last season, will man the other wideout post. Returning as top reserves at WR are 1998 co-regular Ira Williams (6-2, 205, so.) and senior letterman William Merritt (6-0, 200), while former starter James Lik (6-6, 250, sr.) will take over at tight end where he'll be backstopped by senior let-

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## 1998 Wake Forest Final Statistics

	Wake Forest	Opp
Points per game	21	31
1st Downs	210	211
Rush Att	331	485
Rush Yards	719	2059
Avg Rush	2.2	4.2
Pass Comp	255	173
Pass Att	455	291
Pass Yds	3151	2350
Had Int	19	16
Off Yds per game	352	401

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Air Force	(PK)	L	0-42
10	Navy	(-9)	W	26-14
26	at Clemson	(+6)	W	29-19
O. 3	Appalachian St	(NL)		27-30
10	Duke	(-5)	L	16-19
17	at Maryland	(PK)	W	20-10
24	N Carolina	(+4 1/2)	L	31-38
31	Virginia	(+12)	L	17-38
N. 7	at N Carolina St	(+14)	W	27-38
14	Florida St	(+28)	W	7-24
21	at Georgia Tech	(+17 1/2)	L	35-63

terman Ben Stafford (6-3, 245).

Seniors Morgan Kane (6-1, 220) and Kito Gary (6-1, 200), who ran for a meager total of 725 yards and five touchdowns while sharing the halfback position last year, will now start at fullback and halfback, respectively. Supporting them will be lettermen Matt Myers (6-2, 235, so.) and Chris McCoy (5-7, 215, jr.), and this unit will be bol-

stered by the arrival of super frosh recruits Nick Burney (6-2, 220) and Tarence Williams (5-10, 190).

The offensive interior line boasts four returning starters -- guards Sam Settar (6-4, 320, sr.) and Brian Wolverton (6-5, 315, sr.), and tackles Michael Collins (6-6, 325, so.) and Marlon Curtis (6-3, 305, jr.). 1998 co-regular Vince Azzolina (6-4, 310, so.) will take over at center, while the number one backups in the blocking corps will be lettermen Willie Lam (6-4, 310, sr.), Chris Blank (6-5, 290, jr.) and Alaric Thieshen (6-10, 340, jr.), as well as promising sophomore Mike Moosbrugger (6-7, 310) and A-A redshirt freshman Tim Bennett (6-4, 300).

Defensively, Wake should be pretty tough up front with the return of all four starters and every key reserve plus two 1997 regulars who were shelved by injuries last season. Manning the two flank posts are juniors Bryan Ray (6-3, 260) and Mat Petz (6-3, 260), and they'll again be strongly supported by 1998 co-regular Nathan Bolling (6-4, 270, so.) and senior Rufus Taylor (6-3, 290). A year ago, Ray, Petz and Bolling made a combined 142 tackles, including 27 for minus yardage with 11 quarterback sacks. Fred Robbins (6-5, 310, sr.) and Kelvin Jones (6-1, 280, sr.) are the incumbents at the two tackle positions, and they'll be joined by 1998 co-regular Clinton Wilburn (6-4, 280, sr.) and 97 regulars Kelvin Shackleford (6-1, 290, sr.) and Vaughn Mellerson (6-5, 305, jr.). The D-line is a team strength!

So is a linebacking corps that's spearheaded by senior ILBs Kelvin Moses (6-2, 235) and Dustin Lyman (6-4, 250). Moses was an all-star in '97 who missed '98 because of injuries, while Lyman

is a big-play performer who missed six games because of a knee injury last fall. Strong backup support at the ILB posts will come from 1998 starter Abdul Guice (6-3, 210, sr.) and sophomore letterman Marquis Hopkins (6-2, 250), while talented sophomore Mark DeOrion (6-1, 220) and highly-regarded redshirt freshman Roderick Stephen (6-4, 245) will duke it out for starting rights at the outside backer position. Also in the LB picture are lettermen Nick Bender (6-2, 230, jr.), Ed Kargbookorogic (6-3, 225, so.) and Kevin Smith (6-2, 240, sr.).

The secondary welcomes back two starters -- free safety Dalawn Parrish (5-11, 200, sr.) and cornerback Reggie Austin (5-11, 180, sr.), who intercepted a total of six passes last season. 1998 four-game starter David Moore (6-2, 200, sr.) will take over at strong safety, with sophomore Chris Justice (5-10, 195) and redshirt freshman Elliot Ivey (6-0, 195) having at it for starting rights at the CB spot opposite Austin. Ticketed as key reserves in the deep zones are lettermen Adrian Duncan (6-1, 190, so.), Tehran Carpenter (6-3, 200, so.), Michael Clinkscale (6-1, 200, so.) and Keyshorn Smith (5-10, 180, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Demon Deacons won't be quite as explosive as they were last season, but they will be better balanced. And that will allow them to equal or exceed their 1998 output of 352 yards and 21 points per game. As for Wake's defense, this unit will be more difficult to penetrate than it was last fall, especially on the ground. All told, the Deacons won't win more games than they lose this season, but they will be tougher to beat than they were last year. And you can bet on it!

# BIG EAST CONFERENCE

## VIRGINIA TECH

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	12
	Returning	53
	STARTERS RETURNING	6
	Offense	6
	Defense	8

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year last season, the Hokies surprised everyone by using a resourceful offense and a punishing defense to roll up nine victories, including a 38-7 pasting of Alabama in the Music City Bowl. And they'll use the same formula for more success this season as they vie for bragging rights in the Big East.

Head Coach Frank Beamer's first order of business this year is to find a new starting quarterback now that Al Clark has graduated. Junior Nick Sorensen (6-3, 210), who threw for 306 yards while starting three games at QB last year, has been moved to free safety this season, so the new man under center is expected to be junior Dave Meyer (6-3, 210), who hit on 10 of 17 passes for 166 yards and one TD while appearing in four games last fall. Also contending for the starting QB job are A-A redshirt freshmen Michael Vick (6-1, 210) and Grant Noel (6-2, 220), two of the very best quarterbacks in the prep ranks two years ago.

The receiving corps is headed by senior split end Ricky Hall (6-3, 210), who last year caught a team-leading 37 passes for 650 yards and eight touchdowns. Sophomore lettermen Andre Davis (6-1, 200) and Reggie Samuel (6-0, 185) are first

in line to fill the vacant flanker slot, while the top reserves at WR will be former starter Marcus Gildersleeve (5-7, 175, sr.) and sophomore letterman Emmett Johnson (6-3, 210), as well as A-A frosh recruit Andrae Harrison (6-3, 205). The tight end post is manned by strong-blocking junior Derek Carter (6-2, 260), and he'll again be backstopped by sophomore letterman Bob Slowikowski (6-5, 255).

Tech is in good shape at the running back positions. Especially at tailback where 1998 co-regular Shyrone Stith (5-8, 205, jr.) holds forth after scampering for 699 yards and three scores last season. Supporting Stith will be junior letterman Andre Kendrick (5-7, 185) and super A-A redshirt freshmen Lee Suggs (6-0, 200) and Keith Burnell (6-0, 200), while the fullback position will again be shared by Cullen Hawkins (6-0, 220, jr.) and Jarrett Ferguson (6-0, 210).

Up front, the blocking corps is in very good shape with starters returning at four positions. Seniors Keith Short (6-3, 280) and Tim Schneck (6-0, 275) are back to share starting duties at center, while the two guard posts will be shared by 1998 co-starters Matt Lehr (6-2, 280, jr.), Anthony Lambo (6-3, 300, jr.) and Joe Marchant (6-3, 300, sr.). Junior Dave Kadela (6-6, 290) returns to his tackle berth, with 1998 three-game starter Josh Redding (6-4, 310, jr.) ticketed to start at the other tackle post. Projected as top reserves in the O-line are lettermen Matt Wincek (6-4, 290, so.) and Dave Campbell (6-2, 305, sr.), as well as three highly-regarded newcomers -- A-A redshirt freshman Luke Owens (6-3, 310) and all-star recruits

## 1998 Virginia Tech Final Statistics

	Virginia Tech	Opp
Points per game	31	13
1st Downs	192	164
Rush Att	514	420
Rush Yards	1962	1124
Avg Rush	3.8	2.7
Pass Comp	113	134
Pass Att	224	290
Pass Yds	1522	2010
Had Int	13	23
Off Yds per game	317	285

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	E Carolina	(-9 1/2)	W	38-3
12	at Clemson	(+3)	W	37-0
19	at Miami, Fla.	(+4)	W	27-20
26	Pittsburgh	(-14)	W	27-7
O. 8	at Boston College	(-7)	W	17-0
17	Temple	(-35 1/2)	L	24-28
24	at Alabama-Birm.	(-21)	W	41-0
31	W Virginia	(-4)	W	27-13
N. 14	at Syracuse	(+4 1/2)	W	26-28
21	Rutgers	(-28 1/2)	W	47-7
28	Virginia	(-2 1/2)	L	32-36
D. 29	vs Alabama	(-5)	W	38-7

Anthony Davis (6-4, 335) and Anthony Nelson (6-5, 345).

Tech's stingy defense was one of the nation's best in '98, and it could be even better in '99. Especially a four-man front wall that's anchored by the superb flank duo of Corey Moore (6-0, 220,



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sr.) and John Engelberger (6-4, 270, sr.), two of the very best DEs in the land. A year ago, they made a combined 133 tackles, including 35 for minus yardage with 21 quarterback sacks! Also returning to their starting posts are senior tackles Nat Williams (6-2, 280) and Carl Bradley (6-2, 290), who last season recorded an aggregate 154 tackles with 13 for minus yardage. Returning as super backups in the D-line are ends Chris Cyrus (6-2, 250, sr.) and Derrius Monroe (6-4, 265, jr.), and tackles Chad Beasley (6-5, 280, so.) and David Pugh (6-3, 280, so.), a foursome that made a combined 119 tackles last fall.

Like the defensive line, Tech's linebacking corps returns all of its starters along with a strong supporting cast. The incumbent regulars are Jamel Smith (6-2, 235, sr.), Michael Hawkes (6-0, 235, sr.) and Lorenzo Ferguson (6-0, 210, jr.). A year ago, they made a combined 258 tackles with 28 for minus yardage and 11 QB sacks, and they also intercepted a total of eight passes! The top reserves here are sophomore lettermen Ben Taylor (6-2, 220), Brian Welch (5-11, 235) and Jake Houseright (6-3, 235), who had a combined 44 tackles last year.

The secondary needs some repair work since junior cornerback Ike Charlton (6-0, 200), who intercepted five passes last fall, is the lone returning starter in this area. Former starter Anthony Midget (5-11, 185, sr.) will battle redshirt freshman Ronyell Whitaker (5-10, 185) and sophomore letterman Larry Austin (5-9, 175) for the right to man the other CB post, while former quarterback Nick Sorensen (6-3, 210, jr.) and senior letterman Steven Hunt (5-9, 180) are having at it for starting rights at free safety. Banging heads for the vacant rover (SS) position are juniors Cory Bird (5-11, 210) and Phillip Summers (6-0, 195), both of whom lettered while playing extensively last season.

The kicking game will be strong with the return of placekicker Shayne Graham (6-0, 190, sr.) and punter Jimmy Kibble (5-10, 190, sr.). Graham hit on 22 of 32 field goal tries and all 37 of his PAT attempts last year, while Kibble averaged 41.5 yards per boot on 52 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a very good, well-coached football team that has very few weaknesses. Offensively, we expect the Hokies to be well-balanced and more productive than they were a year ago when they averaged 317 yards and 31 points per game. And we expect their defense, which will again be virtually impossible to run on, to be every bit (or more!) as grudging as it was last season when it allowed lowly averages of 285 yards and 13 points per game. There's no question about it, folks -- the Hokies could easily rule the Big East while landing a major bowl bid in the process!

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## MIAMI, FLA.

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	8
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING	7
	Offense	7
	Defense	10

We told you so! We told you the Hurricanes would rebound in a big way last season. And they did, winning nine games in impressive fashion, including a 46-23 thrashing of NC State in the Micron Bowl. And now we're telling you that the Canes could (if not should!) do even better this season -- but only if they can find a new quarterback to fill the very big shoes of graduated stand-out Scott Covington.

Head Coach Butch Davis believes he has someone to do just that in sophomore Kenny Kelly (6-3, 195), a strong-armed scrambler who appeared in nine games last season and completed 24 of 45 passes for 438 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception. He'll be supported by red-shirt junior Zachary Hart (6-3, 200) and A-A frosh recruit Ken Dorsey (6-4, 195).

Miami's receiving corps is top shelf. Returning at the wideouts are split end Reggie Wayne (6-2, 195, jr.) and big-play flanker Santana Moss (5-11, 175, jr.). A year ago, Wayne caught a team-leading 42 passes for 629 yards and four touchdowns, while Moss hauled in 35 bombs for 772 yards and nine scores! They're backstopped by juniors Andre King (6-0, 185) and Daryl Jones (5-10, 180), who snared a combined 43 spirals for 563 yards and four TDs in '98, while sophomore Daniel Franks (6-6, 255) is back at tight end where he'll be supported by sophomore letterman Dan Smith (6-4, 250) and JUCO transfer Ivan Mercer (6-6, 250, jr.). Franks, who is a solid blocker with great hands, caught 17 passes for 251 yards and three touchdowns last fall.

Senior Mondriel Fulcher (6-3, 250), who caught 17 passes for 289 yards and one TD as a co-regular at tight end last year, will take over at fullback this season, and he'll be supported by strong-blocking junior letterman Will McPartland (6-1, 230). The Canes lost super tailback Edgerrin James to the greener pastures of the NFL, but they have two super replacements for him in junior James Jackson (5-11, 215) and sophomore Najeh Davenport (6-2, 235), who last year ran for a combined 1,044 yards and 13 touchdowns on a total of 152 carries (a 6.9 avg.).

The offensive interior line will be a team strength with the return of four starters -- center Ty Wise (6-2, 290, sr.), guard Richard Mercier (6-3, 295, sr.) and tackles Robert Hall (6-4, 295, sr.) and Joaquin Gonzalez (6-5, 300, so.). 1998 lettermen Eric Schnupp (6-4, 295, sr.) and Brett Romberg (6-3, 290, so.) will run 1-2 at the guard spot opposite Mercier, while strong backup support in the blocking corps will come from 1998 four-game starter Martin Bibla (6-4, 295, so.), red-shirted JUCO transfer Greg Laffere (6-5, 305, jr.), lettermen Scott Puckett (6-3, 275, so.) and Robert Sampson (6-3, 295, sr.), and two heralded newcomers -- JUCO transfer Bryant McKinnie (6-10, 325, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Vernon Carey (6-5, 335.).

Another super A-A frosh recruit, Courtney Young (6-5, 300), will fortify a four-man defensive line that welcomes back three starters -- end Quincy Hipps (6-4, 270, jr.) and tackles Matt Sweeney (6-3, 280, sr.) and Damione Lewis (6-2, 290, jr.). 1998 co-regulars Michael Boireau (6-6, 260, sr.) and Brian Stinson (6-4, 260, jr.) are

## 1998 Miami, Fla Final Statistics

	Miami, Fla	Opp
Points per game	37	25
1st Downs	270	250
Rush Att	494	497
Rush Yards	2501	1789
Avg Rush	5.1	3.6
Pass Comp	200	216
Pass Att	340	389
Pass Yds	3059	2823
Had Int	9	14
Off Yds per game	463	384

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	E Tennessee St	(NL)	66-17
12	at Cincinnati	(-13 1/2)	W 38-12
19	Virginia Tech	(-4)	L 20-27
O. 3	at Rutgers	(-28)	W 53-17
10	Florida St	(+10)	L 14-26
24	at W Virginia	(+4)	W 34-31
31	Boston College	(-15 1/2)	W 35-17
N. 14	at Temple	(-23 1/2)	W 42-7
19	Pittsburgh	(-23)	W 38-10
28	at Syracuse	(+3 1/2)	L 13-66
D. 5	UCLA	(+9 1/2)	W 49-45
29	vs N Carolina St	(-7)	W 46-23

expected to run 1-2 at the flank spot opposite Hipps, while lettermen Clint Hurtt (6-4, 300, so.) and Adrian Wilson (6-3, 310, jr.) are ticketed as top reserves at the tackle positions.

The strength of Miami's defense is a linebacking corps that's headed by All-Big East performers Dan Morgan (6-2, 230, jr.) and Nate Webster (6-0, 225, jr.) at OLB and MLB, respectively. A year ago, they made a combined 300 tackles, including 20 for minus yardage with five quarterback sacks. Senior Michael Smith (6-3, 235) returns to the other outsider backer post after making 73 tackles last fall, while the top reserves in this area will be 1998 co-regulars Rod Mack (6-1, 225, sr.) and Sheven Marshall (6-2, 235, so.), as well as sophomore letterman Chris Campbell (6-2, 225) and A-A redshirt freshmen Howard Clark (6-2, 230) and LaVaar Scott (6-2, 235).

Everybody and their brothers are back in a secondary that figures to be a lot less yielding than it was in '98. The ringleaders of this group are cornerback Leonard Myers (6-0, 180, jr.) and strong safety Edward Reed (6-0, 185, so.), who last year intercepted a combined four passes and broke up a total of 20 other passes. Also returning to their starting positions here are free safety Al Blades (6-2, 195, jr.) and cornerback Markese Fitzgerald (5-11, 180, so.), while strong backup support in the secondary is provided by part-time starters Jeff Popovich (5-11, 185, sr.), Delvin Brown (6-0, 195, jr.), Mike Rumph (6-2, 195, so.) and Nick Ward (5-10, 185, sr.).

Senior Andy Crosland (6-1, 205) is back to handle Miami's kicking game. A year ago, he hit on 8 of 13 field goal tries and averaged 40 yards per boot on 47 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Hurricanes will be tackling a tougher schedule than they did a year ago, but we believe they have enough firepower to shoot down most of their opponents. Miami's well-balanced offense should equal its 1998 output of 463 yards and 37 points per game, while its defense will definitely be a lot tougher to dent than it was last season. And all of the above could (if not should!) result in a Big East Championship for this very talented team.



# SYRACUSE

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	36
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	7

Will there be life for Syracuse after Donovan McNabb? That's the big question everyone's asking now that the Orangemen will no longer be led into battle by one of the best quarterbacks that's ever romped on a college football field. Well, we believe the answer to that question is a resounding "yes" because Head Coach Paul Pasqualoni has another solid squad at his disposal as he prepares SU for the upcoming campaign.

The new man under center for Syracuse figures to be sophomore letterman Madei Williams (6-2, 205), who threw two TD passes while backing up McNabb last season. Also in the QB picture are talented redshirt freshman Troy Nunes (6-0, 170) and heralded frosh recruit R.J. Anderson (6-2, 215), as well as junior Dee Brown (6-0, 205), a gifted runner who was a co-regular at tailback in '98.

If Brown stays at tailback (and we believe he will), he'll team with explosive sophomore James Mungro (5-10, 205) to give SU a great 1-2 punch at this position. A year ago, Brown ran for 299 yards and seven touchdowns on 58 carries (a 5.2 avg.), while Mungro scampered for 365 yards and three TDs on 50 totes (a 7.3 avg.). Battering ram Nick Sudano (6-1, 250, sr.) will take over at fullback where he'll be supported by hard-running junior Kyle Johnson (6-1, 235).

The receiving corps will be headed by big-play wideout Quinton Spotwood (5-11, 190, sr.). He was shelved by injuries last season, but as a starter in '96 and '97 he caught a total of 58 passes for 1,123 yards and 12 touchdowns. The other WR post will be shared by Jeff Lowe (5-11, 195, sr.) and Pat Woodcock (5-9, 175, jr.), who snared a combined 15 tosses for 349 yards and five scores in '98, while Stephen Brominski (6-5, 260, sr.), who caught 10 passes for 131 yards and five TDs

last fall, returns at tight end where he'll again be backstopped by senior letterman Mike Bennett (6-4, 260).

Up front, a very good blocking corps welcomes back four starters -- center Cory Bowen (6-4, 295, sr.), guard Bill O'Donnell (6-3, 295, sr.) and tackles Mark Baniewicz (6-6, 295, sr.) and Jeff Pilon (6-6, 300, sr.). 1998 co-regular Joe Burton (6-5, 290, so.) and junior letterman Emerson Kilgore (6-3, 310) are having at it for starting rights at the guard spot opposite O'Donnell, while backup support in the O-line will come from lettermen P.J. Alexander (6-4, 280, so.), Sean O'Connor (6-4, 295, so.) and Frank Giufre (6-3, 275, sr.).

Defensively, Syracuse will be strong up front and at linebacker, where the overall leader of these two units is senior MLB Keith Bulluck (6-3, 235), who last year made a team-leading 104 tackles, including eight for minus yardage and three QB sacks. Junior Morlon Greenwood (6-0, 230) is firmly entrenched at one outside backer berth, while the other OLB position will be fought for by senior letterman Vernon Banks (6-4, 220) and A-A JUCO transfer Idris Price (6-2, 220, jr.). Strong reserve support at LB will be provided by experienced lettermen Kevin O'Neil (6-3, 230, sr.), Matt Klaus (6-3, 250, sr.), J.R. Johnson (6-0, 215, so.), Rodney Wells (5-11, 225, so.) and Sheldon King (6-2, 250, so.), as well as A-A frosh recruit Clifton Smith (6-2, 245).

The four-man trench features three returning starters in end Duke Pettijohn (6-1, 250, jr.) and tackles Donald Dinkins (6-4, 280, sr.) and Rickie Simpkins (6-3, 290, jr.). Sophomores Dwight Freney (6-1, 250), Mark Holtzman (6-4, 250) and Giovanni DeLoatch (6-5, 290) are duking it out for starting rights at the vacant flank berth, while strong support at the two tackle posts will come from 1998 co-regulars Eric Downing (6-4, 280, sr.) and Derrick Corley (6-3, 320, sr.).

The secondary will be rebuilt around returning starters Will Allen (5-11, 185, jr.) and Quentin Harris (6-0, 200, so.) at cornerback and free safety, respectively. 1998 co-regulars Ian McIntosh (5-10, 175, sr.) and David Byrd (6-0, 195, sr.) are first in line to fill the vacant cornerback slot, while 1998 two-game starter Charles Burton (6-1, 205, so.) is expected to take over at strong safety. Also expected to log extensive duty in the deep zones are lettermen Willie Ford (6-1, 185, so.) and Jamont Kinds (6-1, 205, jr.), as well as A-A red-shirt freshman Maurice McClain (6-0, 170) and A-A frosh recruits Mike Postell (5-10, 180) and Jamel Riddle (5-10, 180).

The return of senior placekicker Nate Trout (5-9, 180) is a big plus for this team. A year ago, he hit on 12 of 16 field goal tries and converted all 58 of his extra point attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Orangemen will use their balanced attack to move the pig very effectively, but they don't figure to be quite as productive as they were a year ago when they averaged 430 yards and 43 points per game. They do, however, figure to field a stronger defense than they did last season when SU's stop troops surrendered averages of 327 yards and 25 points per outing. And that is perhaps the biggest reason why we believe that Syracuse will finish at or near the top of the Big East standings this season. And we wouldn't hesitate to bet on it!

# WEST VIRGINIA

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	36
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	4
	Defense	7

The Mountaineers parlayed an explosive offense and a big-play defense into eight wins and a berth in the Insight Bowl last year. And they're capable of giving an even better performance this season -- but only if Head Coach Don Nehlen is able to successfully rebuild a potent blocking corps that lost all five starters to graduation.

Making Coach Nehlen's task a little easier is the fact that he'll have super quarterback Marc Bulger (6-3, 210) operating behind WVU's rebuilt offensive line. And that's a helluva plus when you consider what Bulger did in 1998 when he completed 274 of 419 passes (65.4%) for 3,607 yards and 31 touchdowns! Supporting Bulger will be promising sophomores Brad Lewis (6-3, 220) and Andy Keating (6-4, 215).

The receiving corps is very good and will be headed by All-Big East tight end Anthony Becht (6-6, 270, sr.), who caught 29 passes for 393 yards and four TDs last season. He'll again be backstopped by junior letterman Mark Corman (6-3, 245), while seniors Khorl Ivy (6-2, 195) and Pat Greene (6-2, 195) are a couple of long-ball threats at split end and flanker, respectively. As co-regulars last fall, Ivy and Greene caught a combined 57 passes for 911 yards and eight touchdowns. Also in the WR picture are sophomore Antonio Brown (5-10, 175), who snared 23 tosses in '98, and former regular Carlos Osegueda (6-2, 205,

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### 1998 Syracuse Final Statistics

	Syracuse	Opp
Points per game	43	25
1st Downs	251	195
Rush Att	521	408
Rush Yards	2512	1566
Avg Rush	4.8	3.8
Pass Comp	162	139
Pass Att	259	303
Pass Yds	2218	2029
Had Int	6	11
Off Yds per game	430	327

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Tennessee	(PK)	L	33-34
12 at	Michigan	(+10)	W	38-28
19	Rutgers	(-41 1/2)	W	70-14
O. 1 at	N Carolina St	(-12)	L	17-38
10	Cincinnati	(-42 1/2)	L	63-21
17 at	Boston College	(-13 1/2)	W	42-25
31	Pittsburgh	(-24)	L	45-28
N. 7 at	W Virginia	(-2 1/2)	L	28-35
14	Virginia Tech	(-4 1/2)	L	28-26
21 at	Temple	(-27 1/2)	W	38-7
28	Miami, Fla	(-3 1/2)	W	66-13
J. 2 vs	Florida	(+7)	L	10-31



## 1998 West Virginia Final Statistics

West Virginia	Opp
Points per game	34 22
1st Downs	279 239
Rush Att	435 539
Rush Yards	1846 2056
Avg Rush	4.2 3.8
Pass Comp	280 156
Pass Att	433 302
Pass Yds	3700 2154
Had Int	12 15
Off Yds per game	462 351

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Ohio St	(+11 1/2)	L	17-34
19	Maryland	(-19)	W	42-20
26	Tulsa	(-13 1/2)	W	44-21
O. 3	at Navy	(-16)	W	45-24
10	at Temple	(-25)	W	37-7
24	Miami, Fla.	(-4)	L	31-34
31	at Virginia Tech	(+4)	L	13-27
N. 7	Syracuse	(+2 1/2)	W	35-28
14	at Rutgers	(-20 1/2)	L	28-14
21	Boston College	(-13 1/2)	W	35-10
27	at Pittsburgh	(-15 1/2)	W	52-14
D. 26	vs Missouri	(+3 1/2)	W	31-34

jr.), who was sidelined by injuries last season.

Super tailback Amos Zereoue has taken his act to the NFL, but West Virginia does boast several skilled ball carriers. And a real big plus here is the return of senior fullback Anthony Green (6-2, 245), an outstanding blocker who'll be strongly supported by hard-nosed junior Corey McIntyre (6-0, 240). Expected to get the starting call at tailback is talented senior Alvin Swoope (5-10, 205), who ran for 283 yards and three scores last year, and he'll have to hustle to stay ahead of sophomore Brannon Goins (5-8, 190) and four impressive newcomers -- JUCO transfer Cooper Rego (5-9, 190, so.), explosive frosh recruit Quincy Wilson (5-10, 205) and redshirt freshmen Avon Cobourne (5-8, 190) and Lewis Daniels (6-1, 195).

Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt on a foundation of junior tackles Tanner Russell (6-7, 320) and Matt Wilson (6-5, 310), both of whom played extensively as top reserves last fall. Senior lettermen John Conte (6-4, 305) and Rick Gilliam (6-5, 330) are expected to take over at center and guard, respectively, while the other guard post should be manned by redshirted JUCO transfer Terry Dixon (6-3, 315, jr.). Also pushing for playing time in the O-line will be junior Mike Enick (6-3, 295), sophomore Jeremy Sherman (6-6, 315) and redshirt freshmen Lance Nimmo (6-6, 295), Ken Sandor (6-4, 315) and Jerome Taylor (6-4, 310).

Defensively, West Virginia features a strong linebacking corps and an outstanding secondary, but the three-man front wall was scuttled by graduation. Coach Nehlen will rebuild his trench around 1998 co-regulars Ryan Brady (6-2, 260, sr.) and Greg Robinette (6-2, 285, sr.) at end and tackle, respectively. Expected to man the nose tackle post is sophomore letterman Osa Nosa (6-2, 305), while also in the D-line mix are senior Vince Pellis (6-1, 290) and junior Antwan Lake (6-5, 270), as well as three heralded newcomers -- redshirt freshman Steve Terlesky (6-4, 250) and JUCO transfers John Paricka (6-3, 285, jr.) and Cortez McNeil (6-5, 295, jr.).

The linebacking corps is spearheaded by all-league performer Barrett Green (6-1, 220, sr.),

who made a team-leading 155 tackles last season. Also returning to their starting backer posts are Chris Edmonds (6-3, 235, jr.) and Kyle Kayden (6-3, 240, so.), while 1998 co-regular Mark Thurston (6-3, 250, so.) should get the starting call at the fourth LB position. The top reserves in this area will be senior lettermen K.C. Schiller (6-1, 235), Mark Plants (6-3, 250) and Bryan Lorenz (6-1, 235), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Kevin Freeman (6-3, 240).

The secondary boasts seasoned starters at all four positions. The pacesetters here are free safety Jerry Porter (6-3, 215, sr.) and strong safety Gary Thompkins (5-11, 200, sr.), who intercepted a total of eight passes last year. Seniors Scooter Davis (5-11, 185) and Nate Terry (6-2, 190) are a terrific tandem at the corners, and the leading backups in the deep zones are co-regulars Perlo Bastien (6-1, 190, sr.) and Boo Sensabaugh (6-2, 210, sr.), as well as super sophomore Rick Sherrod (6-3, 195).

Senior Jay Taylor (6-2, 200) returns to perform kicking chores for this team. Thus far in his WVU career, Taylor has hit on 40 of 56 field goal tries and converted 118 of his 121 PAT attempts. He's also averaged almost 40 yards per punt over the last two years.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The offensive line and the defensive line. Those are the only two question marks relating to this team. If both answers prove to be positive, the Mounties will be heard from in a big way because they have all the other ingredients necessary to cook up a lot of trouble for their opponents. We believe those answers will be positive enough to ensure that West Virginia will field another potent, well-balanced attack and a hard-nosed defense that gives ground very grudgingly. And it should all add up to at least eight or nine wins and possible (if not probable!) Big East supremacy!

## BOSTON COLLEGE

(4-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	51
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 4
		Defense 9

The Eagles suffered through their fourth straight losing season last year, but they were a better team than their '98 record would have you believe. And they could be even more competitive this time around -- but only if Head Coach Tom O'Brien can successfully rebuild his offense while also exhorting his secondary to play less like Mother Teresa and more like Simon Legree!

Getting first shot at the starting quarterback job is junior letterman Tim Hasselbeck (6-2, 210), an impressive performer last season when he completed 9 of 12 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns as the number one backup to the now-graduated Scott Mutryn. Also in the picture here are junior Dave Robbins (6-0, 205) and A-A redshirt freshman Brian St. Pierre (6-4, 195), one of the best QBs in the prep ranks two years ago.

Trying to fill the void at the two wide receiver positions will be Derrick Crittenden (5-9, 185, sr.) and Dedrick Dewalt (5-9, 170, so.), who caught a combined 19 passes for 213 yards and three TDs as top reserves last fall. Challenging them for the starting jobs will be highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Jamal Burke (6-2, 195) and K.J. Turkson (6-0, 190), while experienced lettermen Bryan Arndt (6-4, 265, sr.) and Robert Ellis (6-4, 260, jr.) are ticketed to run 1-2 at tight end.

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The loss of super tailback Mike Cloud will hurt the BC ground game, and trying to fill his very big shoes will be lettermen Cedric Washington (5-10, 200, jr.) and Carlton Rowe (5-11, 200, sr.), who did a good job as Cloud's backups last year. Also expected to be heard from at TB will be super A-A frosh recruits William Green (6-1, 220) and Greg Toal (6-0, 205), while hard-nosed sophomores Ryan Burch (6-3, 250) and Ryan Utzler (6-2, 235) will again run 1-2 at fullback.

Up front, the blocking corps is in fairly good shape with the return of guard Paul Zukauskas (6-5, 315, jr.) and tackles Mike Cook (6-5, 310, jr.) and Darnell Alford (6-4, 325, sr.). Seasoned lettermen Butch Palaza (6-4, 295, sr.) and Paul LaQuerre (6-3, 310, jr.) will fill the vacant center and guard slots, respectively, while toiling as top reserves in the O-line will be sophomore lettermen Marc Colombo (6-8, 305), Matt Knapp (6-5, 315) and John Richardson (6-3, 285), as well as super A-A frosh recruit Augie Hoffmann (6-2, 320).

Defensively, the Eagles will soar into battle behind senior tackles Chris Hovan (6-3, 290) and Mike Willets (6-4, 295), who last year made a combined 152 tackles, including 33 for minus yardage with 11 quarterback sacks. Returning at the end posts are Adam Grace (6-3, 275, jr.) and Adam Newman (6-5, 250, sr.), while backup support in the D-line will come from lettermen Antonio Garay (6-4, 275, so.), Sean Guthrie (6-4, 260, so.) and Pat Kneib (6-3, 250, jr.).

The linebacking corps will be headed by senior MLB Frank Chamberlin (6-0, 240), who made 78 tackles last fall. 1998 co-regular Andy Romanowsky (6-2, 235, so.) and sophomore letterman Scott Bradley (6-2, 225) are expected to take over at the two outside backer positions, while the top reserves in this area figure to be lettermen Nick

## 1998 Boston College Final Statistics

Boston College	Opp
Points per game	25 28
1st Downs	236 224
Rush Att	466 470
Rush Yards	2154 1802
Avg Rush	4.6 3.8
Pass Comp	181 172
Pass Att	299 298
Pass Yds	2373 2576
Had Int	11 10
Off Yds per game	412 398

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Georgia Tech	(+13 1/2)	W	41-31
12	Rutgers	(-22 1/2)	W	41-14
19	Temple	(-18)	W	31-7
26	at Louisville	(-6 1/2)	L	28-52
O. 8	Virginia Tech	(+7)	L	0-17
17	Syracuse	(+13 1/2)	L	25-42
24	Navy	(-14)	L	31-32
31	at Miami, Fla.	(+15 1/2)	L	17-35
N. 7	Notre Dame	(+11)	W	26-31
14	at Pittsburgh	(-1 1/2)	W	23-15
21	at W Virginia	(+13 1/2)	L	10-35



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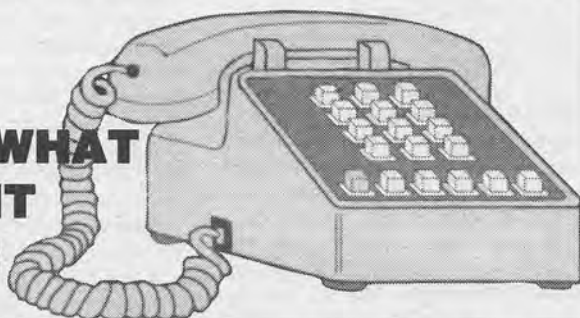
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Blevins (6-2, 225, so.), Steve Martin (6-2, 225, jr.) and Joe Mickens (6-0, 220, so.), as well as promising redshirt freshman Jerome Ledbetter (6-2, 225).

The leading lights in the secondary will be senior free safety Pedro Cirino (5-11, 190) and senior strong safety George White (6-1, 200). They'll be joined in the starting rotation once more by alternating cornerbacks D.J. Sutton (5-8, 170, jr.), Jonathan Ordway (5-10, 180, so.) and Ramon Johnson (5-10, 190, jr.), while contributing as key reserves in the deep zones will be 1998 co-regular (at S) Carlos Moore (5-10, 185, so.) and fellow sophomore letterman Dujuan Daniels (5-11, 175).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Eagles don't figure to challenge for Big East supremacy this year, but they do figure to fly higher than they did last season if their retooled offense can measure up to the standards set by its 1998 predecessor. If it does, this team could win more games than it loses because the BC stop troops are gonna stop a few more people than they did a year ago. We wouldn't care to bet on the Eagles finishing on the plus side of .500 this season; but neither would we care to bet against it.

## PITTSBURGH

(2-9-0) **LETTERMEN Lost** 16  
**Returning** 41  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 7  
Defense 7

After closing their '98 campaign with seven straight losses, the Panthers are primed to make amends in a big way this season. And we believe they can — but only if their offense annexes more real estate than it did a year ago.

For that to happen, Pitt needs someone to step up in a big way at quarterback. Getting first shot at doing so is senior Matt O'Connor (6-3, 205), who passed for 174 yards and one score in limited action last fall. Challenging O'Connor for the starting job are Ohio State transfer David Priestley (6-3, 205, so.) and the man **GAMEPLAN** believes will be under center when the opening whistle blows — redshirted JUCO A-A John Turman (6-4, 215, jr.), who threw for over 3,000 yards and 27 touchdowns during his two-year JUCO career.

Pitt's new QB will be throwing to one of the top targets in the nation in junior flanker Latef Grim (6-0, 185), who last year caught 60 passes for 906 yards and nine touchdowns. R.J. English (6-3, 205, so.) and Kenney Ketchen (6-1, 195), who snared a total of 23 passes for 271 yards and three TDs as top reserves in '98, are duking it out for starting rights at flanker, while strong-blocking senior Ben Kopp (6-4, 280) returns at tight end where he'll be backstopped by 1998 co-regular Kirk McMullen (6-4, 260, sr.).

Head Coach Walt Harris hopes to get a bigger contribution from his running game this fall, and we believe he will. Operating at tailback once more will be Kevan Barlow (6-1, 235, jr.) and Brandon Williams (6-0, 210, so.), who ran for a combined 927 yards and six TDs last year. They'll be joined by Ohio State transfer Nick Goings (6-0, 215, jr.), while 1998 co-regular Chris Feola (6-1, 230, sr.) will take over at fullback where he'll be strongly supported by sophomore lettermen Rickey Mendenhall (6-0, 230) and Mark Moothart (6-0, 235).

Up front, the blocking corps looks to be improved with the return of four starters — tackle

## 1998 Pittsburgh Final Statistics

	Pittsburgh	Opp
Points per game	21	30
1st Downs	215	193
Rush Att	437	456
Rush Yards	1274	1610
Avg Rush	2.9	3.5
Pass Comp	173	154
Pass Att	347	287
Pass Yds	2266	2221
Had Int	17	12
Off Yds per game	322	348

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Villanova (NL)	48-41
19	Penn St (+25)	W 13-20
26	at Virginia Tech (+14)	L 7-27
O. 3	Akron (-12)	W 35-0
10	at N Carolina (+7)	L 10-29
17	Rutgers (-21)	L 21-25
31	at Syracuse (+24)	W 28-45
N. 7	Temple (-14)	L 33-34
14	Boston College (+1 1/2)	L 15-23
19	at Miami, Fla. (+23)	L 10-38
27	W Virginia (+15 1/2)	L 14-52

Mark Browne (6-5, 290, sr.), tackle Ryan Hansen (6-7, 305, sr.), guard Ethan Weidle (6-6, 310, sr.) and junior Jeff McCurley (6-5, 295), who started at guard last year but will move to center this season. Expected to fill McCurley's vacated guard slot is super redshirt freshman Khiawatha Downey (6-4, 310), while the top reserves in the O-line will be sophomore letterman Mike Bosnic (6-6, 300) and promising redshirt freshmen Joe Manganello (6-4, 295) and Bryan Anderson (6-5, 300).

Defensively, the Panthers will be headed by one of the nation's rising stars in senior cornerback Hank Poteat (6-0, 190), who led the Big East in interceptions (6) last season. Other returning starters in a solid secondary are strong safety Seth Hornack (5-10, 195, sr.) and free safety D.J. Dinkins (6-4, 225, sr.), who picked off a total of five passes in '98. Senior letterman Chiffon Allen (5-10, 175) is first in line to man the CB post opposite Poteat, while others pushing for playing time in the deep zones are speedy redshirt freshman Ramon Walker (5-11, 190) and lettermen Mark Ponko (5-10, 195, so.), Lee Ligterner (6-2, 200, so.) and Isaac Williams (6-0, 180, sr.).

The four-man trench welcomes back two starters — end Julian Graham (6-3, 260, sr.) and tackle Demond Gibson (6-4, 310, sr.), who last year recorded an aggregate 102 tackles, including 12 for minus yardage. Getting first shot at filling the vacant end slot will be sophomore letterman Brandon Dewey (6-4, 260), while the tackle post opposite Gibson is being fought for by lettermen Joe Conlin (6-5, 280, so.) and Mike White (6-3, 285, jr.), as well as redshirted JUCO transfer Nigel Neal (6-3, 295, jr.). Providing reserve support at the flanks will be experienced lettermen Bryan Knight (6-2, 235, so.) and Ken Kashubara (6-4, 240, sr.).

Like the secondary, the linebacking corps should be considered a team strength. Sophomores Nick Cole (6-2, 230) and Amir Purifoy (6-2, 235) will again share one outside backer position, while seniors Karim Thompson (5-11, 210) and Kody Miller (6-1, 220) are back to do the same at the other OLB post. The man in the middle is 1998 co-regular Ryan Gonsales (6-2, 235, so.), and he'll be supported by junior letterman

Bryan Jacobs (6-2, 245).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Panthers are gonna be on the prowl this season! Their offense will be better balanced and should easily surpass its 1998 output of 322 yards and 21 points per game, while their stop troops will be a helluva lot tougher to penetrate than they were a year ago when they surrendered averages of 348 yards and 30 points per outing. Do we expect the Panthers to win the Big East Championship this year? No! Do we expect them to at least flirt with a winning record? Yes!!!

## RUTGERS

(5-6-0) **LETTERMEN Lost** 17  
**Returning** 48  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 6  
Defense 9

Although being outgained and outscored by wide margins last year, the Scarlet Knights managed to win five games while flirting with a winning record. Which is the sign of a well-coached football team. With 15 starters plus Head Coach Terry Shea back in the fold, the Knights believe they can scale the .500 barrier this season. And maybe they can — but it ain't gonna be easy!

Hoping it will be is junior quarterback Mike McMahon (6-3, 215), a strong-armed youngster with good mobility who was very impressive last season when he completed 143 of 276 passes for 2,203 yards and 12 touchdowns. McMahon will be backstopped by junior Mike Jones (6-4, 225), a starter at QB in '97 who saw only spot duty last fall.

The receiving corps was wiped out by graduation and will be rebuilt around junior split end Walter King (6-2, 200), who sat out last season after serving as a co-regular in '96 and '97 when he caught a total of 33 passes for 664 yards and two touchdowns. Vying for starting duties at flanker as well as providing backup support at the wideouts are three impressive newcomers — big-play frosh recruit Sean Carty (6-1, 190) and JUCO transfers Errol Johnson (6-2, 205, jr.) and T.C. Everett (5-11, 185, jr.). Sophomore letterman Rob Ring (6-4, 245) will take over at tight end where he'll be supported by former linebacker Shin Black (6-1, 230, sr.) and A-A frosh recruit Greg Graves (6-4, 235).

Spearheading the running game will be senior halfback Jacki Crooks (5-10, 205) and junior fullback Dennis Thomas (6-1, 225). Crooks ran for a team-leading 821 yards last year, while Thomas rushed for 418 yards. Supporting Crooks and Thomas will be experienced lettermen Kevin Sinclair (5-8, 205, jr.), Jason Ohene (6-0, 195, jr.), Seth Stanton (6-2, 255, so.) and Chris Washington (6-2, 235, sr.).

The offensive interior line will be anchored by All-Big East center Shaun O'Hara (6-4, 290, sr.), and he'll be joined once more by guard Iosefa Puauli (6-2, 310, sr.) and tackle Ben French (6-4, 320, sr.). 1998 co-regular Rich Mazza (6-3, 290, jr.) will fill the vacant guard slot, while the tackle

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## 1998 Rutgers Final Statistics

	Rutgers	Opp
Points per game	19	34
1st Downs	198	242
Rush Att	446	517
Rush Yards	1378	2706
Avg Rush	3.1	5.2
Pass Comp	148	155
Pass Att	296	266
Pass Yds	2242	2001
Had Int	17	8
Off Yds per game	329	428

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Richmond (NL)	7-6
12	at Boston College (+22 1/2)	L 14-41
19	at Syracuse (+41 1/2)	L 14-70
26	Army (+9 1/2)	W 27-15
O. 3	Miami, Fla. (+28)	L 17-53
17	at Pittsburgh (+21)	W 25-21
24	Tulane (+19)	L 24-52
31	Temple (+3)	W 21-10
N. 7	at Navy (+10 1/2)	W 36-33
14	W Virginia (+20 1/2)	W 14-27
21	at Virginia Tech (+28 1/2)	L 7-47

post opposite French is being fought for by super redshirt freshmen Mike Esposito (6-4, 320) and Dave Showalter (6-5, 300). Providing solid depth in the blocking corps will be 1998 co-regular Mike DeLucia (6-3, 305, sr.), junior letterman Randy Smith (6-4, 285), redshirted JUCO transfer Tim Baker (6-4, 300, jr.) and redshirt freshmen Howard Blackwood (6-4, 300) and Sheddric Mitchell (6-7, 330).

On the stop side, the first line of defense is anchored by All-Big East end Wayne Hampton (6-5, 260, sr.), who made 78 tackles with nine for minus yardage last season. Also returning to their starting spots up front are end Marcus Perry (6-1, 265, so.), tackle Mike Behl (6-3, 280, sr.) and nose guard Ansel Shields (6-3, 270, sr.), while others in the D-line mix are '98 co-regular (at NG) Thomas Petko (6-0, 285, jr.) and lettermen Bill Tulloch (6-3, 265, so.), Karl Mayall (6-5, 280, jr.) and Jack Bloom (6-4, 250, jr.).

The linebacking corps is very good and is headed by ILB Jabari Moore (6-0, 215, sr.) and OLB Dax Strohmeier (6-4, 220, sr.), who last year made a combined 185 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with six QB sacks. Having at it for starting rights at the inside backer post opposite Moore are 1998 co-regular Wesley Robertson (6-3, 235, jr.) and Tarell Freeney (6-0, 210, jr.), who started at strong safety last season. Strong backup support at LB will come from junior letterman Mike Pridgeon (6-1, 220), redshirted JUCO transfer Dennis McCormack (6-2, 230, jr.) and senior Roger Wingate (6-1, 210), a starter in '96 and '97 who sat out last season with a knee injury.

The quarterback of the secondary is junior Garrett Shea (5-10, 190), a sure tackler with great speed who started at cornerback last year but will start at free safety this season. Junior Ben Martin (6-0, 205) is back at strong safety, with talented sophomores Tony Berry (6-2, 200) and DeWayne Thompson (5-9, 190) ticketed to man the two cornerback posts. Toiling as top reserves in the deep zones will be sophomore letterman Robert Crenshaw (5-10, 180), heralded redshirt freshman Brian Bender (6-2, 210) and junior Riley Jefferson (5-10, 185), a co-regular at CB two years ago who sat out the '98 campaign for academic reasons.

The kicking game will be more than adequate with the return of placekicker Steve Barone (6-0, 185, so.) and punter Charlie Titus (6-6, 215, jr.). A year ago, Barone hit on 8 of 12 field goal tries, while Titus averaged 41.6 yards per boot on 37 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Simply stated, this will be a better football team than its 1998 counterpart. Especially on defense where the Scarlet Knights will unhorse a lot more people than they did last season when they surrendered averages of 428 yards and 34 points per game. So if the Rutgers offense can move the pig a little better than it did a year ago, the Knights will have a good chance to win more games than they lose even though they'll be going up against a tougher schedule than they faced last season. But it's a prospect we'd rather bet against than on!

## TEMPLE

(2-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	42
	STARTERS RETURNING	7
	Offense	
	Defense	9

Bobby Wallace's first season as Temple's head coach wasn't very rewarding last year as the Owls were done in by a generous defense and a very weak aerial arm. But Coach Wallace is convinced that his sophomore campaign at the Temple helm will result in a more successful showing because his youthful charges of a year ago are now seasoned and stronger. Which is all well and good -- but are they skilled enough to win more games than they lose? Can pigs fly?!!

Actually, the Owls will fly a little higher than they did last season primarily because of improved play at the all-important quarterback position. Returning as co-regulars here are sophomores Devin Scott (6-1, 200) and Mac DeVito (5-11, 190), who were very impressive as true freshmen last year when they ran and passed for a combined 805 yards and 10 touchdowns. Also returning at QB are Kevin Harvey (5-11, 195, sr.) and Greg Muckerson (5-11, 185, so.), who ran and passed for a total of 938 yards and 10 TDs in '98. But just as they did a year ago, Harvey and Muckerson will also see a lot of action at cornerback and wide receiver.

On the subject of wideouts, the receiving corps will be headed by sophomore flanker Carlos Johnson (5-9, 170), who last year caught a team-leading 18 passes for 378 yards and six touchdowns. Junior letterman Jerry Butler (6-0, 185), who had three receptions with one TD grab in '98, will take over at split end, while senior Joe Khamis (6-2, 250), who snared nine tosses last fall, returns at tight end where he'll again be supported by senior letterman Dwayne Brown (6-3, 260).

The featured performer in Temple's running attack will be senior tailback Elmarko Jackson (5-11, 205), who has rushed for 861 yards and seven touchdowns as a co-regular over the last two seasons. Hard-running sophomore Jason McKie (5-11, 225) returns at fullback, and both he and Jackson will be supported by versatile senior letterman Marcus Godfrey (5-10, 210).

The blocking corps welcomes back three starters in guard Theo Ross (6-4, 295, sr.) and tackles Tim Leach (6-8, 330, sr.) and Konrad Dean (6-4, 310, jr.). Senior letterman Terrence Matthews (6-4, 285) and highly-regarded redshirt freshman Vincent Gabrielle (6-5, 295) are ticketed to run 1-2 at center, with senior letterman Rick

## 1998 Temple Final Statistics

	Temple	Opp
Points per game	18	33
1st Downs	187	239
Rush Att	537	501
Rush Yards	2165	2408
Avg Rush	4.0	4.8
Pass Comp	72	162
Pass Att	178	267
Pass Yds	1280	2037
Had Int	6	6
Off Yds per game	313	404

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Toledo (+11)	L 12-24
12	Akron (-9 1/2)	L 28-35
19	at Boston College (+18)	L 7-31
26	at Maryland (+9 1/2)	L 20-30
O. 3	William & Mary (NL)	38-45
10	W Virginia (+25)	L 7-37
17	at Virginia Tech (+35 1/2)	W 28-24
31	at Rutgers (-3)	L 10-21
N. 7	at Pittsburgh (+14)	W 34-33
14	Miami, Fla. (+23 1/2)	L 7-42
21	Syracuse (+27 1/2)	L 7-38

Williams (6-2, 295) expected to fill the guard slot opposite Ross. The top reserves at guard and tackle, respectively, will be sophomore lettermen Shane Holmes (6-3, 325) and Greg Jandrisitz (6-6, 320).

Defensively, the Owls boast a lot of experience and some solid depth, especially up front where all four starters and a slew of top reserves are back on duty. Guarding the flanks are ends Raheem Brock (6-4, 260, jr.) and Tyrone Ditzel (6-3, 240, so.), while the tackle posts are manned by senior Peppi Pichette (6-4, 285) and junior Mathias Nkwenti (6-4, 285). Toiling as co-regulars in the D-line will be six experienced lettermen -- ends Jermaine Roberts (6-7, 265, sr.), Jason Blissett (6-3, 250, sr.) and Calvin Williams (6-3, 235, sr.); and tackles Mario Ayala (6-2, 280, sr.), Russ Newman (6-2, 250, so.) and Robert Sack (6-2, 260, so.).

The linebacking corps returns intact and is headed by alternating MLBs LeVar Talley (5-11, 230, jr.) and Taylor Suman (6-2, 240, so.), who made a combined 164 tackles last season. Junior Damian Jones (6-0, 210) returns to his outside backer post, while sophomores Leon Gray (6-1, 220) and Jason Davis (6-2, 240) will again run 1-2 at the other OLB position. The primary reserves in the backer brigade will be sophomore lettermen Akeiff Staples (6-3, 245) and Chris Pitt (6-2, 240).

Sophomore free safety Chonn Lacey (6-2, 190) should be the ringleader of the secondary after making 60 tackles and intercepting a team-leading three passes last year. Senior Leon Washington (6-0, 180) returns to his cornerback position, while the aforementioned Kevin Harvey (5-11, 195, sr.) and 1998 co-regular Sean Martin (6-0, 195, sr.) are ticketed to fill the vacant cornerback and strong safety slots, respectively. Returning as leading backups in the deep zones are 1998 co-regular Fulton Fryar (5-11, 175, sr.) and senior lettermen Jayson Thompson (6-1, 200) and Randy Washington (5-11, 175).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With a more productive offense and a stingier defense at their disposal, the Owls will prove to be more competitive than they were a year ago. Which should result in this team winning more games than it did in 1998. But a challenge for Big East supremacy is out of the question. And so is a plus-.500 finish.



# EAST INDEPENDENT

## NAVY

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	26
	Returning	37
	STARTERS RETURNING	7
	Offense	7
	Defense	7

As we reluctantly predicted, the Middies were sunk more often than not last season because their defense was more generous than the Salvation Army. As he prepares his charges for the upcoming campaign, Head Coach Charlie Weatherbie believes that Navy has a real shot at getting back on the sunny side of .500 this season. And that could happen -- but only if the Middie stop troops stop making like Santa and start playing like the Grinch!

The play of junior quarterback Brian Broadwater (6-0, 190) is top shelf. He started the final six games last season when he completed 47 of 98 passes for 838 yards and seven touchdowns; and he also ran for a team-leading 679 yards and five TDs on 162 carries (a 4.2 avg.). Also returning at QB is 1998 five-game starter Steve Holley (6-0, 195, sr.), who ran and passed for 733 yards and six touchdowns last fall.

The receiving corps is headed by junior wide-out Ryan Read (5-11, 180), who last year caught a team-best 17 passes for 433 yards (a 25.5 avg.!) and six touchdowns. Senior Travis Williams (6-3, 205), who snared 12 tosses in '98, is back at the other WR position, while the top reserves at the wideouts will be lettermen Matt O'Donnell (6-0, 195, sr.) and Harry Spencer (6-2, 180, so.).

Youth will be served at fullback where talented sophomore Raheem Lambert (5-10, 195) has achieved starting status. He'll be supported by classmates Pat Haines (5-9, 200) and Eric Reed (5-11, 195), while the two slotback posts will be manned by '98 starter John Vereen (5-10, 200, sr.) and sophomore letterman Dre Brittingham (5-10, 180). Vereen ran for 210 yards and three scores on 30 carries (a 7.0 avg.!) last fall, while Brittingham averaged 10.7 yards per tote with his

seven carries last season!

The offensive line welcomes back three starters -- center Terrence Anderson (5-11, 270, sr.) and tackles Hoot Stahl (6-6, 285, jr.) and Kostas Hatzidakis (6-2, 275, sr.). Moving into the two guard slots are lettermen Jarrett Davies (6-4, 285, sr.) and Philip Yeh (6-3, 285, jr.), while the top reserves in the blocking corps will be lettermen Pat Singleton (6-1, 270, sr.), Scott Swantner (6-5, 285, jr.) and Doug Howard (6-2, 265, sr.).

In going with a 3-4 alignment this season, Navy's first line of defense will be anchored by incumbent ends Brad Wimsatt (6-4, 260, jr.) and Bwerani Nettles (6-2, 250, so.), and they'll split time with seniors Ivan Garvin (6-2, 250) and Alex Murray (6-4, 260). Running 1-2 at nose guard will be seniors David Ryno (6-3, 275) and Gino Marchetti (6-2, 250), who earned their spurs at DT and DE, respectively, last season.

The four-man linebacking corps is in pretty good shape. In the middle, the two ILB positions will be shared by returning starters Matt Daigneault (6-1, 230, sr.) and Ryan Hamilton (6-2, 225, so.), and 1998 co-regulars Daryl Hill (6-0, 230, jr.) and Jamie McIlvain (6-1, 235, sr.). Manning the two outside backer posts will be seniors Geno Fountain (6-0, 215) and John Chavous (5-10, 205), both of whom possess good speed and are big hitters, and they'll be supported by junior Rashad Jones (6-3, 210) and sophomore Shaka Martin (6-2, 215).

Senior strong safety Jamie Doffermeyer (6-1, 190) spearheads the secondary after making a team-leading 127 tackles last year. Senior Gary Lane (5-11, 200) is back at free safety, with Bas Williams (5-10, 180, so.) returning to his cornerback post. The other cornerback position is being fought for by 1998 co-regular Mike Wiedl (5-7, 180, jr.) and junior letterman Dave Alexander (5-9, 170). Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones will be junior letterman Chris Lepore (6-0, 195) and sophomore Matt Brooks (6-0, 170).

Senior Tray Calisch (5-11, 195) is back to handle punting duties. He handled them quite well

## 1998 Navy Final Statistics

	Navy	Opp
Points per game	23	34
1st Downs	204	252
Rush Att	580	482
Rush Yards	2874	2383
Avg Rush	5.0	4.9
Pass Comp	74	190
Pass Att	161	289
Pass Yds	1248	2707
Had Int	12	7
Off Yds per game	375	463

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 10	at Wake Forest	(+9)	L	14-26
19	Kent	(-21)	L	38-24
26	at Tulane	(+21 1/2)	W	24-42
O. 3	W Virginia	(+16)	L	24-45
10	at Air Force	(+15)	L	7-49
17	Colgate	(NL)		42-35
24	at Boston College	(+14)	W	32-31
N. 7	Rutgers	(-10 1/2)	L	33-36
14	Notre Dame	(+20 1/2)	L	0-30
21	SMU	(+4)	L	11-24
D. 5	vs Army	(+6)	W	30-34

last season when he averaged 40.6 yards per boot on 48 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With Broadwater at the controls, the run-oriented Navy offense will be better balanced than it was a year ago, and it should surpass its 1998 output of 375 yards and 23 points per game. Defensively, the Mids are not exactly world-beaters, but they will be a lot saltier than they were last season when they surrendered averages of 463 yard and 34 points per outing. Which is the primary reason why we believe the Middies will easily exceed their 1998 win total. Go Navy!!

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# IVY LEAGUE

## PENNSYLVANIA

(8-2-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 18  
Returning 39  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 9  
Defense 8

If you take a quick look at Penn's defending Ivy League champs, it's easy to point out who's missing rather than who's returning. Sure, offensive standouts Jim Finn and Matt Rader plus two-time All-Ivy linebacker Darren Macdonald have graduated, but Coach Al Bagnoli has 17 starters back in uniform looking to give the Quakers back-to-back Ivy crowns.

Coach Bagnoli does have to find a quarterback to succeed Rader, who threw for 2,026 yards and 15 TDs a year ago, and there's a three-way battle for the job featuring sophomores Ed Mebs (6-0, 190) and Tom DiMenna (6-1, 190) plus junior Reed Werner (6-2, 200). Mebs is a transfer from Miami, while Werner transferred in from NC State.

The experienced pass catching contingent is led by senior wideout Doug O'Neill (6-0, 205), who had 42 catches for 506 yards and three scores last fall. Starting at the other WR slot will be senior Brandon Carson (5-11, 190), who posted 28 grabs for 469 yards and four TDs, with Colin Smith (6-2, 185, so.) and Jason Battung (6-0, 180, jr.) in reserve at the wideouts. Senior Brandon Clay (6-5, 250) is the incumbent at tight end, but he's getting plenty of competition for the job from senior Clint Burhorn (6-4, 240) and junior Ben Zagorski (6-7, 245).

Another huge hole in the Penn backfield is at tailback where Finn has graduated after rushing for 1,450 yards and 17 TDs last season. Making the strongest bids to succeed Finn are soph Matt Thomas (5-8, 175), who handled kick returns a year ago, Duke transfer Mike Verille (5-11, 200) and soph Kris Ryan (6-0, 235), who will also see time at fullback. The starter at FB for the third straight season will be Brian Cosmello (6-2, 235, sr.), a second team All-Ivy pick a year ago.

Coach Bagnoli has a talented and deep crew of big bodies to man the offensive interior line, including holdover senior starters center Carmelo Rubano (6-2, 265), tackle Jason Lebron (6-6, 300) and guard Mike Bertolino (6-5, 270). Scheduled to fill the vacancies at tackle and guard, respectively, are seniors Matt Bane (6-5, 260) and Todd Giblin (5-10, 235).

Defensively, Penn was very tough against enemy runners a year ago, yielding just 78.9 yards per game, and there's three holdover starters in the forward wall ready for '99 action -- nose guard Adrian Puzio (5-11, 255, sr.) plus tackles Mike Germino (6-1, 250, sr.) and senior Jason Maehr (6-4, 250). That trio compiled 17 quarterback sacks a year ago. Working the flank positions will be juniors Brian Person (6-4, 23.) and Kevin Martin (6-3, 230), with help in the D-line being provided by tackles Edward Galan (6-1, 260, jr.), Jeff Hatch (6-8, 250, jr.) and John Galan (6-3, 245, so.) plus DEs Quaran Rogers (6-2, 225, sr.) and soph Matt Hager (6-4, 220).

The Quakers will have to overcome the loss of three-time All-Ivy selection Macdonald at line-backer. Jim Hisgen (6-2, 230, sr.) and Brian Ham-

ilton (5-11, 210, sr.) are experienced hitters who come to play. Hisgen finished third on last year's team with 64 tackles. Junior Dan Morris (6-1, 215) moves into a starting job at LB after being a regular in the Penn secondary a year ago. Senior Joe Yiu (6-2, 225) and junior George Khouri (6-3, 230) will backstop the starting backers.

In the secondary, seniors Joe Alofaiulli (5-10, 175) and Anthony DeSalle (5-11, 180) will again be stationed at the corners, senior Eric Bunn (6-0, 190) will get the nod at strong safety and senior Hasani White (5-9, 190) will move from corner-back to fill the vacancy at free safety. DeSalle had three INTs a year ago. Key backups in the deep zones will be Chris Parsons (5-9, 160, sr.), soph

Kunle Williams (6-1, 180), Navy transfer Matt Dawson (5-11, 210, so.) and soph D.L. Boulodrick (6-0, 180).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Al Bagnoli has directed the Quakers to Ivy titles three times in his seven seasons at the Penn helm, and he doesn't see any reason why Penn can't repeat in '99. Penn is starting over at quarterback and tailback, but there's more than enough veteran support on the O-side to allow those newcomers to get it together, and the stoppers will again be staunch defenders of Penn territory. Penn's the team to catch in the Ivy chase in '99.



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# BROWN

(7-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	40
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	8

An offensive attack that set 10 new school records and an improved defense with eight starters returning should keep Brown in the upper echelon of the Ivy League standings in '99, allowing the Bears to once again challenge for Ivy honors.

Heading Coach Phil Estes' strike force once again will be two-time first team All-Ivy quarterback James Perry (6-1, 200), who's poised to become the top passer in conference history. Last year, Perry threw for 3,165 yards and 23 TDs with 15 interceptions, completing 61.7% of his passing tries. Perry ranked second nationally in total offense with 310.2 yards per game.

The receiving corps will miss Sean Morey, the Ivy's all-time career receiver who had 83 catches for 1,023 yards and 10 scores last year, but junior Steve Campbell (6-3, 220) will be Perry's primary target this year. Campbell made 61 catches for 713 yards and six touchdowns in '98.

Leading the ground game will be tailback Kevin Coyne (5-10, 185, sr.), who rushed for a team-best 514 yards and four TDs last year while making 14 receptions with one more score. Junior Mike Powell (5-10, 175), who netted 336 yards with four TDs in '98 along with nine receptions, will also see plenty of time at RB, with junior Rob Scholl (6-2, 240) handling things at fullback. Scholl made 17 receptions a year ago, two for scores.

Senior guard Jason Wargin (6-2, 265) is the leader of the Bruins' offensive interior line. The only other holdover regular in the O-line is senior guard Peter Calabrese (6-0, 265), but Coach Estes has a slew of experienced personnel to round out his blocking contingent.

On the defensive side, linebackers Louis Ames (6-0, 215, sr.) and Neil Finneran (6-2, 220, jr.) lead the way. Ames, a two-year regular, led the Bears with 117 tackles last year, including 11 for minus yardage with five sacks, while Finneran contributed 56 hits.

In the trench, senior DE Jeff Boulanger (5-11, 255) is a holdover regular, as is junior tackle Gordon Chen (6-3, 240). Boulanger had eight hits for minus yardage and three sacks last season, while Chen made five stops behind enemy lines. The D-line will get a big boost this fall with the healthy return of senior David Gatcha (6-7, 250), who missed most of last year with a shoulder injury.

A trio of regulars from '98 returns to the Brown deep defense — seniors Azibo Smith (5-9, 190) and Matt Swistak (5-10, 180) plus sophomore Jason Lucas (6-4, 210). An ex-running back, Smith had 80 tackles last year and one interception. Swistak knocked down 54 enemy runners and Lucas had 46 stops.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Brown's 5-2 Ivy finish last fall was the Bruins' best showing since 1986, and Brown is feasting on the momentum generated by a season-ending six-game win streak. This year's Bears will be potent offensively behind the superb pitch-catch combo of QB James Perry and wideout Stephen Campbell, and improved defensively with eight starters back from a year ago. That all means the Bruins are a legitimate contender for Ivy honors in '99!

# PRINCETON

(5-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	24
	Returning	28
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	6

Princeton fashioned its second straight 5-5 campaign in '98, but it could have been a whole lot better as the Tigers dropped four contests by the grand total of just 14 points! The dean of the Ivy League coaches, Steve Tosches, begins his 13th year at the Princeton helm with half of last year's regulars having picked up their diplomas, leaving some very big holes to fill.

For the seventh time in the last eight seasons, Princeton will have a new starting quarterback. The primary challengers for the job are junior Jon Blevins (6-3, 200) and sophomores Tommy Crenshaw (6-2, 200), Scott Brown (5-11, 185) and Brian Danielewicz (6-3, 195). Blevins is the only one of that quartet that's taken a varsity snap, having thrown three passes a year ago.

Princeton's receiving crew was hard hit by graduation, and this year's primary target figures to be senior Phil Wendler (6-3, 195), who had 30 catches with three TD grabs last fall. Senior Danny Brian (5-9, 175), who made a strong comeback after missing all of the '97 campaign with injuries, had 15 receptions and three scores last year and will be at the other WR slot. At tight end, junior Djordje Citovic (6-5, 235) moves up after serving as last year's backup. He had seven catches, averaging 22.4 yards per grab.

Princeton used a four-man rotation at tailback last fall, with two of that quartet back for action this fall, senior Derek Theisen (5-11, 200) and junior Kyle Brandt (6-0, 200). Theisen led the Tigers in ground gaining with 487 yards and seven touchdowns, while Brandt contributed 396 yards and one score. Senior Bruce Erb (6-0, 220) has first dibs on the H-back post.

The Tigers' offensive interior line should be a team strong suit, where Coach Tosches has five holdover linemen who started at least one game a year ago. The top guns up front will be All-Ivy selections Hamin Abdullah (6-3, 285) at guard and tackle Dennis Norman (6-3, 275), with Bernie Marczyk (7-2, 275, sr.) back at center. Marczyk, however, could be bumped out of the first string pivot post by John Amburgy (6-4, 275, jr.), who split one starting guard spot last fall with Ross Tucker (6-5, 285, jr.). Filling the lone O-line vacancy at tackle will be lettermen John Raveche (6-4, 290, jr.).

The Tiger defenders were particularly nasty to enemy ground invaders a year ago, limiting foes to just 71.6 yards per game rushing. This year's up front charge will again be led by All-Ivy defensive end David Ferrara (6-3, 255, sr.), who paced the down linemen with 66 tackles last season, including a dozen QB sacks. Working the other end will be Nathan Podskoff (6-2, 245, jr.), who started at DT a year ago, while Jason Rotman (6-4, 250, jr.), who played DE, has been moved inside and will fill a tackle position. The contenders to fill the other DT slot include Douglas Silverman (6-2, 235, sr.), Preston Tims (6-0, 250, jr.) and Tumoana Webster (6-0, 340, jr.).

Princeton loses its top two tacklers from a year ago, linebackers Jim Salters and Mike Veronesi, and this area is a major concern for Coach Tosches. Senior Chuck Hastings (6-2, 215) is the lone holdover in the second line of defense, with lettermen Drew Babinecz (6-2, 225, so.) and

Michael Higgins (5-11, 210, jr.) scheduled to fill the slots vacated by Salters and Veronesi. Coach Tosches is counting on youngsters Steven Koopman (6-1, 200, jr.), Bobby Farrell (6-0, 210, so.) and Chris Roser-Jones (6-0, 215, so.) to help out in this depleted area.

The Tigers paid a price for inexperience and injuries in the secondary last fall as enemy passers completed 53.4% of their tosses and averaged 221.8 yards per game up top, but the seasoning gained last fall should make life more difficult for opposing passers this time out. Senior Gerry Wilson (5-10, 175), who was headed to an all-star season before breaking his arm in the fourth game, returns healthy and reclaims his old cornerback spot, with soph Brian Beem (5-9, 175) the incumbent at the other corner. Senior Ryan Demler (6-2, 185) is the mainstay at strong safety, while junior Taylor Smith (5-10, 185) moves up from the top reserve slot to start at free safety. Lettermen Gerry Giurato (5-10, 175, sr.) and Garrett Fittizzi (5-9, 165, sr.) are valuable deep zone backups.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Princeton didn't get the bounces last year when it had the horses to put together a big season. Now, the Tigers are without the horses and may need a lot more than a fortuitous bounce of the pigskin to get them through the '99 season. Still, Tosches is a good enough coach to lead this team to five or six victories. And we wouldn't be surprised if he did!

# YALE

(6-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	39
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	4
	Defense	8

Yale forged a dramatic turnaround last fall, rebounding from a one-win '97 campaign to log six victories and earn a second place tie in the Ivy standings. But if the Bulldogs have any hopes of repeating that glory, Coach Jack Siedlecki must successfully rebuild a record-setting offense that lost seven '98 starters to graduation.

The Bulldogs do have the luxury of senior Joe Walland (5-11, 200) back on duty at quarterback where he had a super season in '98 although slowed late in the year with a bum ankle. Walland set a host of Yale records as he threw for 1,858 yards and a dozen TDs against five INTs, also rushing for 348 yards and six scores. Junior Mike McLellan (6-0, 195) heads an inexperienced backup crew at QB.

The veteran duo of seniors Jake Borden (6-4, 210) and Jake Fuller (5-9, 185) will be Walland's favorite targets, Borden last year snatching 33 passes with one score and Fuller pulling down 26 throws for four TDs. Eric Johnson (6-3, 230, jr.), who also saw time at running back, had 24 catches, with junior Tom McNamara (6-1, 180) also in the wideout picture. At tight end, Johnson could be pressed into duty here unless sophomores Jim Keppel (6-2, 210), Pat Dittman (6-6, 250) and Pat Graham (6-4, 235) show they can get the job done.

All-Ivy selection Rashad Bartholomew (5-11, 200, sr.) will again lead the ground attack after running for 941 yards and four scores a year ago. Junior Josh Phillips (5-11, 190) shared time with Bartholomew last season and netted 295 yards with one scoring run, with junior Konrad Sopielnikow (5-10, 235) or soph Paul Ardire (6-0, 210) filling the vacancy at fullback.

Coach Siedlecki's major headache on the O-



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side is the interior line where there's just one starter back on duty, guard Matt Bickford (6-5, 265, jr.). There's a battle royal under way for the other up front assignments, the challengers including '98 three-game starter Matt Proto (6-2, 265, jr.), and juniors Mike Buck (6-5, 300), Dan Searle (6-2, 260), Kyle Harmon (6-5, 275), Eric Lee (6-7, 300) and Steve Petrie (6-1, 240), who's moved over from the defensive side. Senior Andy Elwell (6-4, 280) is also in the mix after sitting out all of the '98 campaign with injuries.

Yale's best defensive unit will be the up front gang, led by DEs Jeff Hockenbrock (6-6, 250), Peter Sarantos (6-4, 250) and Eli Kelley (6-3, 215), a trio of seniors who alternated at the flanks last fall. Sarantos had 10 sacks as Yale recorded 41 QB traps for the season. Senior Andy Tuzzolino (6-0, 230) had eight sacks at defensive tackle, with junior Terrance Hobson (6-2, 275) stationed at the other DT slot. Juniors Peter Maloney (6-3, 265) and Mike Reeves (6-2, 260) provide experienced up front relief.

Junior Peter Mazza (6-0, 220), Yale's top tackler last fall with 91 stops, is the lone returnee to the starting lineup at linebacker. Top candidates to fill the other backer berths include sophomores Bill Thompson (5-11, 210), Scott Austin (6-2, 225) and Jeff White (6-2, 225).

Two players who started every game -- Ben Blake (6-0, 200, sr.) and Todd Tomich (5-10, 170, jr.) -- and two others who started on occasion in '98 -- Than Merrill (6-3, 220, jr.) and Roy Adams (6-0, 195, sr.) -- are the cornerstones of the Yale secondary. Blake had 70 tackles, 11 pass deflections and five interceptions, while Tomich also had five picks and 56 hits. Adams and Merrill each registered one INT apiece.

A bonus for Yale is the return of All-Ivy place-kicker Mike Jurawczyk (6-1, 195, jr.), who canned 12 of 16 field goal tries and all 24 of his PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Bulldogs will be paced by a sturdy defense that'll take few prisoners and make enemy attackers pay a heavy price. It's the offense that raises some concerns as the supporting cast for standouts QB Joe Walland and TB Rashad Bartholomew is suspect at best. That means Yale will be fortunate this fall if the 'dogs can surpass last year's six-win effort.

## COLUMBIA

(4-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
		Defense 6

The Lions got off to a fast start last year, but the loss of starting quarterback Paris Childress to a broken foot in the fourth game crippled Columbia, which proceeded to drop four straight. With Childress graduated, there's a question at QB again this fall, but coach Ray Tellier has high hopes for this year's Light Blue.

The battle for the signal caller's job is wide open, but senior Mike Glynn (6-2, 205), who threw three passes last fall, is the frontrunner. He's being challenged by All-Ivy punter Ryan Kiernan and two QBs from last year's junior varsity, junior Mark Stoutenberg (6-2, 200) and soph Jeff McCall (6-0, 180).

The new quarterback will work with a deep crew of pass catchers, including holdover starters Mark Cannan (5-10, 175, sr.) and Armand Dawkins (6-2, 190, sr.), who registered 30 and 24

catches, respectively, a year ago. Senior David Holmes (5-9, 180) and soph Jarel Cockburn (5-11, 170) are lettermen leading the backup WR crew, Holmes coming up with 11 catches last fall. Two other veterans are back at wide receiver after missing all of '98's action with injuries, ex-starter Justin Meadlin (5-7, 165, sr.) and Cellou Ba (6-1, 230, sr.). At tight end, All-Ivy choice Bert Bondi has graduated, with juniors Jason Pease (6-3, 230) and Jay Montgomery (6-3, 220) the leading candidates to fill that vacancy.

Coach Tellier is also pleased with the condition of his running back contingent, where tailbacks Norman Hayes (5-8, 185, sr.) and Jonathan Reese (6-1, 200, so.) plus fullbacks Kirby Mack (6-1, 230, sr.) and Lendell Thompson (6-0, 200, sr.) all had starting assignments a year ago. Hayes was the Lions' leading ground gainer last fall with 514 yards and two touchdowns, Reese added 417 yards, Mack 319. Mack also had 16 pass receptions, while Reese averaged 22.9 yards on kickoff runbacks and earned Ivy "rookie of the year" honors.

Columbia's blocking crew will rebuild around a solid foundation of holdover starters Brian Gordon (6-2, 260, jr.) at guard and tackles Matt Hughes (6-2, 270, jr.) and Matt Radley (6-3, 285, sr.). Gordon, however, will be moved to center this fall, with candidates for the other up front starting jobs to include Rob Ulmer (6-3, 285, jr.), Anthony Jimenez (6-3, 290, jr.), Kimball Payne (6-2, 270, jr.), Matt Himmelstein (6-0, 295, so.), Micah Smith (6-3, 295, jr.), Josh Vandervagen (6-5, 300, jr.), Andy Honig (6-6, 285, so.) and Joe Learman (6-3, 265, so.).

The situation is quite different on the defensive side where Coach Tellier is scrambling to fill slots vacated by graduation. Tackle Jon Sproul (6-2, 245, sr.) is the lone returnee up front, and the losses include All-Ivy picks Rashaan Curry, Tony McGill and Jim Armstrong! The prime candidates to fill the other DT post are juniors Noah "Ox" Ochsenhaut (6-2, 270) and Matt Stary (6-2, 295) plus sophs Steve Dance (6-2, 230) and Dan Hill (6-5, 235). Battling to earn starting nods at the defensive end positions are senior Greg Bowman (6-1, 240), juniors Andy Kirwan (6-2, 230) and Chris Nugent (6-3, 245) plus soph Chuck Leonard (6-2, 230).

The anchor in the linebacking crew will be senior outside backer Kevin Wright (6-2, 240), a second team All-Ivy choice last year when he led the Lions in tackles with 82. Junior Joe Cook (6-3, 235), who had 50 stops a year ago, appears to have won a starting job in this area, with George Mahoney (5-10, 200, sr.), Matt Porter (6-0, 225, jr.), John Cavanaugh (6-1, 200, jr.), Doug Miller (6-2, 225, jr.) and J.C. Tabio, who was out of school last year while serving in the Marines, all looking for playing time in the second line of defense.

The Lions' secondary features holdover regulars at cornerback and strong safety, with senior lettermen Chris Schaffer (5-10, 185) and Jason Stream (6-1, 175) fighting it out to fill the lone vacancy at free safety. Patrolling the corners again are Avery Moseley (5-10, 180, jr.) and Andre Ogundare (5-10, 180, sr.), with Jason Bivens (5-8, 185, sr.) returning at "rover" (SS). Moseley had 50 tackles last fall and four interceptions.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Columbia's question marks going into the '99 Ivy campaign are at quarterback and in the defensive line where the Lions lost a lot of talent and leader-

ship to graduation. If the new signal caller can get the job done, Columbia will again present a well-balanced attack. Coach Tellier appears to have capable replacements for the defensive front wall, and that'll mean the Lions will again be respectable on this side of the ball. All things considered, Columbia has a good chance to make a lot of noise in league play this fall.

## HARVARD

(4-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	19
	Returning	32
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
		Defense 5

An ineffective attack and a generous defense derailed the Crimson in '98 as they sought to repeat as Ivy champions. Now, Coach Tim Murphy needs to muster his forces if Harvard is to avoid its fifth losing season in Murphy's six years in Cambridge.

Murphy is looking for a little more output from his attack force, which will again be led by senior quarterback Rich Linden (6-0, 200), who needs just 208 yards up top to set a new Harvard aerial record. Last fall, Linden hit 51.3% of his passing tries for 1,201 yards and three TDs although he suffered eight INTs. He'll again be supported by senior Brad Wilford (6-3, 215).

Except for senior Terence Patterson (5-10, 190), the Crimson is very young at the wide receiver spots. Patterson pulled down 40 throws a year ago and needs 36 catches this year to be number one all-time at Harvard in that category. Junior Josh Wilske (5-9, 180) had 27 catches last fall at the other WR spot, with soph Andy Fried (5-11, 195) and junior Matt Mitchell (5-11, 180) also due to see quality time at wideout. Senior Chris Eitzmann (6-4, 245) holds over at tight end where he had three TD grabs a year ago.

Injuries slowed Harvard's running backs last season, and if they're healthy, this is a quality group. Senior Chris Menick (5-10, 185) returns at tailback with junior Chris Stakich (6-3, 235) the incumbent at fullback. Menick, an All-Ivy pick as a sophomore, piled up 768 yards with four TD carries last year. Others in the Crimson RB stable include seniors Troy Jones (5-11, 195) and Josh Belczyk (5-8, 185) plus junior Chuck Nwokocho (5-6, 160).

Junior tackle Mike Clare (6-4, 300) is the lone returnee to the Harvard blocking crew, and rebuilding this area is Murphy's principal concern on the O-side. Soph Steve Collins (6-4, 265) is due to settle in at the other OT position, junior John Kadzielski (6-2, 280) will handle center chores and Spencer Knibbe (6-2, 70, jr.) and Ryan Kaupila (6-3, 270, sr.) have earned starting rights at the two guard posts.

There's also some vacancies in the defensive front, where Coach Murphy will move senior Chris Nowinski (6-5, 285) from DT to DE this fall. Nowinski led last year's Crimson with five QB sacks. Senior Mike Sands (6-4, 235) is penciled in at the other flank, with R.D. Kern (6-3, 260, jr.) and Ryan Fitzgerald (6-2, 250, so.) due to work at the tackle posts. Sands had nine tackles for loss in '98.

Isaiah Kacyvenski (6-2, 240, sr.) is the only returnee to the starting linebacker crew, but he's considered one of the very best in the Ivy League. Kacyvenski, a two-time All-Ivy selection, set a Harvard record with 108 tackles last year and with 13 more hits will be the school's all-time leader in the tackle department. Three-year strong safety



starter Aron Natale (5-11, 200) has been moved to outside backer, with senior Clint Kollar (6-1, 210) due to fill the other OLB vacancy. Senior Jeff Svicarovich (6-1, 210), juniors John Kraay (6-0, 215) and Phil Charland (6-2, 215) plus soph Michael Green (6-2, 210) are the key reserves at linebacker.

The restructured secondary will be fashioned around two-year cornerback regular Kane Waller (5-9, 180, sr.), who had 61 tackles and two INTs in '98. Soph Willie Alford (5-10, 180) will take over at the other corner, senior Ben Green (5-11, 190) moves up from nickel back to fill the vacancy at free safety and junior Mike Brooks (6-1, 195) moves into Natale's old job at strong safety. Senior Mike Madden (5-10, 190) and junior Chris Verdini (5-9, 175) are key secondary backups.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Harvard's 9-1 performance back in '97 is regarded as one of the school's best in its 125 years of College Football. It appears, however, that Harvard faithful will have to conjure up memories of '97 to sustain them through the year ahead. The '99 Crimson will suffer from inexperience in the offensive line and throughout the defensive unit, a condition which will confine Harvard to another middle-of-the-pack Ivy League finish!

## DARTMOUTH

(2-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	38
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	5

Dartmouth has been Ivy League champ more times (17) than any of its league rivals. That's why last fall's 1-6 Ivy finish was so hard for the Big Green to swallow. Coach John Lyons is encouraging his team to put that painful memory behind them as Dartmouth tries to rebound this fall on a foundation that includes 11 holdover starters.

If that's to happen, Dartmouth needs a lot more production on the attack side than the 240.2 yards the Big Green netted per game a year ago. That'll put the pressure on new quarterback Brian Mann (6-2, 190, so.), who lettered as the backup last fall. Mann hit on 20 of 38 passing tries in '98 with one TD toss. He'll be backed up by soph Greg Smith (6-3, 200).

There'll be some new faces at wide receiver as well where last year's top three pass catchers have picked up their diplomas. Senior Mike Poncy (6-2, 19) is the most experienced of the returnees at that position, last year grabbing 16 tosses. Challenging for playing time will be sophomores Matt DeLellis (6-3, 190), Damien Roomets (6-0, 175) and Mike Gratch (5-8, 175), who played tailback a year ago. There's a trio of combatants looking for the starting nod at tight end — juniors Lee Roach (6-3, 235), Damon Austin (6-2, 240) and ex-tackle Jed Manton (6-4, 250).

Senior tailback Reggie Belhomme (6-0, 205) returns as Dartmouth's leading ball carrier from a year ago, while incumbent fullback Bob Bunn (6-2, 215, jr.) is the leading returning receiver. Belhomme netted 366 yards with two TDs on the ground a year ago, while Bunn grabbed 17 aeriels, two for touchdowns. Top reserves at the running back slots are soph Aaron Pumerntz (6-0, 190) and junior Matt Dunning (5-11, 220).

There's a trio of holdover starters in the O-line — center Jim Irwin (6-5, 265, jr.), guard Andy Erickson (6-3, 290, sr.) and tackle Chris Carney (6-4, 260, sr.). Senior Alex Sapozhnikov (6-5, 280)

will be a factor at tackle, with soph Sean O'Mara (6-6, 275) due to start at the OT slot opposite Carney. Erickson's hold on his guard job is threatened by junior Caleb Moore (6-4, 285), with sophomores Scott Verastegui (6-3, 265) and Cory Schubring (6-3, 270) battling to fill the vacancy at the other guard post.

Coach Lyons has a lot of work to do on the defensive side, particularly up front where DE Kyle Schroeder (6-3, 250) is the lone holdover from a year ago. Schroeder had 61 tackles last fall, including seven hits for minus yardage with three sacks. Senior Greg Dietrick (6-4, 250), who sat out all of '98 with an injury, is set to take over at the other terminal, with senior Matt Schroeder (6-2, 255) and juniors Matt Walker (6-3, 260) and Adam Wright (6-4, 250) bidding to fill the DT vacancies. Others in the D-line mix are Ryan Mannix (6-2, 240, so.), Dan Hutchinson (6-4, 250, jr.), Dan Piening (6-4, 230, sr.), and sophs Jeff Garrett (6-3, 280), Conner McGee (6-4, 255) and Nate Mitchell (6-3, 255).

Senior Steve Varney (6-2, 230) is an All-Ivy candidate and the only holdover at linebacker. He was Dartmouth's leading tackler last fall with 86 stops. Soph Matt Mercer (6-1, 225) will start at the other OLB post, with senior Marshall Hyzdu (6-3, 220) in the middle. Challenging for game time at LB will be senior Brendan Panda (6-2, 215) and sophomores Kyle Swafford (6-1, 205), Gordon Quist (6-2, 210) and Joe Vinci (6-3, 225).

In the deep zones, safety Bradd Eissler (5-11, 180, jr.) and cornerbacks Todd Jelen (5-11, 180, jr.) and Tom Reusser (5-11, 180, sr.) are returning regulars. Reusser is trying to come back from back and leg problems, while Jelen will probably get a look at safety this season. Eissler led last year's Dartmouth deep backs with six pass interceptions. Senior Will Lyons (5-9, 185) is very much a factor at CB, with Bret Kassen (5-9, 180, jr.), Trevor Nealon (6-0, 185, so.), Mike James (6-0, 190, so.) and seniors Casey Bynum (5-9, 185) and Jeff MacKay (5-11, 195) all bringing experience to the battle for playing time in the secondary.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** We forecasted a Dartmouth slide on these pages a year ago, but even GAMEPLAN didn't foresee how far the Big Green would tumble, with Dartmouth resting at the bottom of the Ivy League for the first time in its long football history. Dartmouth will come back, but probably not as strongly as Big Green faithful would hope. At best, Dartmouth looks headed for a middle-of-the-pack Ivy finish in '99.

## CORNELL

(4-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	35
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	6

The Big Red finished a disappointing 4-6 a year ago, losing three contests by a TD or less, but winning just one Ivy League game. Coach Pete Mangurian has a solid corps of returning starters to work with this year, but they're going to have to take their collective game to a higher level if Cornell is to have any hopes of re-establishing itself as an Ivy power.

Coach Mangurian's first chore is to choose a new quarterback and he'll pick from a quartet that includes senior John Algeo (6-1, 200) and sophomores Ben Clark (6-3, 185), Jay Posner (6-5, 210) and Ricky Rahne 6-3, 190), the primary qualifica-

tion of each being inexperience.

Junior Joe Splendorio (6-5, 225) returns as Cornell's top pass catcher, last year pulling down 46 throws for 677 yards and six touchdowns. The principal combatants for the other wideout assignment are juniors Edgar Romney (6-1, 205) and Kevin Farese (5-8, 160), who had a combined 13 catches last fall. The new tight end will be either junior Rob Allen (6-3, 245) or soph Brent Caron (6-4, 230). Allen is a transfer from the Air Force Academy.

All of last year's leading ground gainers are back in action for '99, led by seniors Deon Harris (6-0, 220) and Mike Buray (6-0, 205), who'll operate again at halfback and fullback, respectively. Harris was Cornell's number one ball carrier last fall as he ripped for 757 yards and five scores and had 10 receptions, with the strong-blocking Buray also making 10 catches. Last year's top reserves, senior Justin Bush (5-7, 155) and soph Justin Dunleavy (5-8, 200), also return, with Bush having run for 278 yards and one score a year ago.

Coach Mangurian will choose his blocking crew from six players who started games a year ago — center Chris Morosetti (6-0, 285, jr.), guards Joseph Bugni (6-3, 250, jr.), Jason Landrum (6-2, 260, jr.), Charles Mitchell (6-3, 290, jr.) and Dru Vaughn (6-1, 270, jr.) and tackle Thomas Kaplun (6-2, 260, so.). Junior Mike George (6-1, 245), a starter at guard last fall who bowed out after two games with a broken ankle, and soph guard Kyle Mork (6-3, 250) are also in the O-line mix.

On the stop side, the Big Red should be tough up front where Coach Mangurian has a host of veteran performers from which to choose. Four players who started at DE return for '99 — senior Joe Norris (6-2, 245), juniors Tom Crone (6-0, 250) and Jay Bolton (6-2, 245) plus soph Rick Zacek (6-2, 235). Norris was Cornell's most valuable D-liner in '97 who missed all of last season with a bum shoulder, while Crone won that award in '98 when he led the club with four QB sacks. The challengers to fill the vacancy at tackle include senior Tom Richards (6-5, 275), juniors Bryan Esposito (5-11, 300) and Anthony Smulski (6-1, 280) plus sophomores Nick Brandmeir (6-4, 295) and Tucker Johnson (6-0, 215).

The linebacking crew will be reconstructed around senior Nate Fischer (6-1, 220), who had 75 stops a year ago along with four pass interceptions in just eight games. Senior Martin Scott (5-9, 205) and juniors Tony Vitullo (5-11, 205) and Dan Weyandt (6-0, 230) are battling to fill the other OLB spot, with senior David Pitman (5-11, 220) due to take over at middle linebacker after making 77 tackles a year ago as a top reserve.

The Big Red secondary features three returning regulars from '98 — junior cornerbacks Jimmy Vattes (5-10, 175) and Phil Rigueur (5-8, 190) plus junior free safety Matt Duren (5-11, 170). Duren made 72 stops last fall and he and Vattes each recorded two pass pickoffs. Senior David Caputo (5-9, 185) will see also time at free safety, with senior Seth Cochran (6-0, 185) and junior Gilbert Muzquiz (5-9, 185) battling to fill the vacant strong safety post.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Big Red faithful should be prepared for another disappointing season in 1999. There's a lot of enthusiasm in the Big Red camp, but from this vantage point it appears to be false hope. Cornell should be a bit improved overall from a year ago, but the Big Red looks capable of only a couple of Ivy victories at best.



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# PAC-10 CONFERENCE

## ARIZONA

(12-10)	LETTERMEN Lost	21
	Returning	47
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	9

The Wildcats almost went all the way last season as they rode an explosive, well-balanced attack and a punishing defense to 12 victories, including a 23-20 win over Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl. And with 16 returning starters plus a plethora of outstanding newcomers on hand, the Cats are primed to tree everyone they encounter this season.

Head Coach Dick Tomey enjoys the luxury of having two super quarterbacks to pilot his Multiple-Spread offense. We're talking about senior Keith Smith (5-11, 205) and junior Ortege Jenkins (6-2, 215), who last year combined to complete 183 of 307 passes for 2,743 yards and 18 touchdowns. They also ran for an aggregate 355 yards and five more scores.

The receiving corps will be headed by senior wideout Dennis Northcutt (5-11, 175), who caught a team-leading 63 passes for 922 yards and six touchdowns last fall. 1998 co-regular Brad Brennan (5-11, 170, sr.), who snared 15 tosses for 314 yards and three TDs last year, will take over at the other WR position, while strong-blocking junior Brandon Manumaleuna (6-2, 285) is back at tight end where he'll be supported by impressive redshirt freshman Togie Hugo (6-6, 260). The top reserves at the wideout posts figure to be sophomore Malosi Leonard (6-2, 210) and JUCO transfers Brandon Marshall (6-0, 185, jr.) and Marvin Brown (5-11, 185, jr.).

All-PAC-10 tailback Trung Canidate (5-11, 190, sr.) spearheads Arizona's running game. A year ago, he scampered for 1,220 yards and 10 touchdowns on 167 carries (a 7.3 avg!). He'll be backstopped by junior Leon Callen (5-9, 185), who ran for 276 yards and one score in '98, as well as A-A redshirt freshman Leo Mills (6-2, 215), while hard-running sophomore William Blocker (5-11, 220) is ticketed to start at fullback where he figures to be supported by senior letterman Jim Wendler (5-10, 225).

The offensive interior line should stack up as a team strength once more. Junior Bruce Wiggins (6-3, 285) returns at center, with senior Manu Savea (6-3, 290) hunkered down at his tackle spot. The two guard slots will be filled by sophomores Steven Grace (6-2, 285) and Makoa Freitas (6-4, 295), who shared one guard post as redshirt freshmen last season. First in line to man the tackle berth opposite Savea is junior letterman Makai Freitas (6-7, 290), while others in the hunt for starting status in the blocking corps are lettermen Marques McFadden (6-4, 295, jr.), Chris Redding

(6-4, 320, so.) and Enga Usu (6-4, 305, sr.), as well as JUCO transfer Kevin Barry (6-4, 325, jr.) and redshirt freshmen Darren Safranek (6-7, 280) and Aaron Higginbotham (6-6, 300).

Defensively, Arizona is very strong at line-backer where All-PAC-10 ILB Marcus Bell (6-2, 240, sr.) is the pacesetter after making a team-leading 139 tackles with 14 for minus yardage last year. The other returning starters here are outside backer DaShon Polk (6-2, 230, sr.) and inside backer Scotter Sprotte (5-11, 210, sr.), who last season made a combined 114 tackles, including 20 for minus yardage. Providing strong backup support in this area will be lettermen Adrian Koch (5-8, 210, jr.) and Stadford Glover (6-0, 235, sr.), as well as redshirted JUCO A-A Antonio Pierce (6-2, 235, jr.).

Up front, the four-man trench is anchored by junior ends Joe Tafoya (6-4, 270) and Mike Robertson (6-4, 250), who last year recorded an aggregate 47 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with 11 quarterback sacks. Sophomore Keoni Fraser (6-3, 270) returns to his tackle post, with 1998 co-regulars Idris Haroon (6-1, 270, jr.) and Anthony Thomas (6-3, 280, jr.) the leading candidates to fill the other tackle slot. Also in the D-line mix are '98 co-regular (at DE) Eli Wnek (6-3, 270, so.) and lettermen James Lewis (6-4, 275, sr.), Ben Alualu (6-1, 250, so.) and Alex Luna (6-1, 250, so.), as well as redshirt freshman Young Thompson (6-2, 285) and A-A frosh recruits Brandon Phillips (6-6, 290) and Cory Kipp (6-5, 260).

The secondary welcomes back three starters in free safety Rafell Jones (5-10, 185, sr.), strong safety Greg Payne (6-0, 185, sr.) and cornerback Kelvin Hunter (5-9, 170, sr.). 1998 co-regular Leland Gayles (5-9, 175, sr.) will man the CB post opposite Hunter, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen A.J. Brown (6-0, 185, so.) and Barrett Baker (5-11, 195, sr.), as well as converted wide receiver Brandon Nash (6-2, 200, jr.)

### 1998 Arizona Final Statistics

	Arizona	Opp
Points per game	35	18
1st Downs	239	218
Rush Att	523	416
Rush Yards	2561	1233
Avg Rush	4.9	3.0
Pass Comp	185	200
Pass Att	309	419
Pass Yds	2778	2786
Had Int	11	16
Off Yds per game	445	335

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	at Hawaii	(-17 1/2)	W	27-6
12	at Stanford	(-7 1/2)	W	31-14
19	Iowa	(-11 1/2)	W	35-11
24	at San Diego St	(-15 1/2)	W	35-16
O. 3	at Washington	(+2)	W	31-28
10	UCLA	(+5)	L	28-52
17	at Oregon St	(-8)	W	28-7
24	NE Louisiana	(-33 1/2)	W	45-7
31	Oregon	(-2)	W	38-3
N. 7	Washington St	(-24)	W	41-7
14	at California	(-10 1/2)	L	27-23
27	Arizona St	(-11 1/2)	L	50-42
D. 30	vs Nebraska	(+3)	W	23-20

and redshirt freshmen David Hinton (5-11, 180) and David Lauder milk (6-2, 195).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Arizona opens its '99 campaign with a monumental matchup against Penn State. And if the Wildcats manage to defeat the Nittany Lions, then there may be no stopping them after that because their offense will again be prolific and their defense will be even stingier than it was last season. If we were inclined to bet, we'd be willing to wager a bob or two that Arizona will go unbeaten this season. In fact, even though we're not, we believe we will!

## UCLA

(10-2-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	45
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	8

As we told you they would, Bob Toledo's Bruins used their high-powered offense to win the PAC-10 Championship last year. But that was yesterday -- what about tomorrow? Well, tomorrow could be better than yesterday -- but only if UCLA's new quarterback can fill the very big shoes of graduated standout Cade McNown, who threw for 3,470 yards and 25 touchdowns in '98.

Getting first shot at doing so are lightly-experienced junior letterman Drew Bennett (6-5, 210) and sophomore Scott McEwan (6-3, 205). We believe Bennett has all the tools needed to get the job done, but in the event he and/or McEwan can't cut the mustard, Coach Toledo has three impressive newcomers waiting in the wings -- A-A redshirt freshmen Ryan McCann (6-4, 210) and Cory Paus (6-2, 210), as well as super A-A frosh recruit J.P. Losman (6-3, 195), one of the top three QBs in the prep ranks last season.

Whoever gets the starting call at quarterback will have an outstanding group of wide receivers to play catch with. Especially flanker Danny Farmer (6-4, 210, sr.) and split end Brian Polidixon (6-5, 210, jr.). A year ago, Farmer caught a team-leading 58 passes for 1,275 yards (a 22.0 avg.) and nine touchdowns, while Polidixon snared 44 spirals for 712 yards and 10 TDs. The primary reserves at the wideouts are Brad Melsby (6-1, 195, sr.), who caught 16 passes for 331 yards and two scores in '98, and sophomores Jon Dubravac (6-3, 210) and Freddie Mitchell (5-11, 185), who hauled in a combined seven aeriels for two touchdowns. Redshirted junior letterman Gabe Crecion (6-5, 250) will take over at tight end, where he'll be backstopped by sophomore

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## 1998 UCLA Final Statistics

	UCLA	Opp
Points per game	38	28
1st Downs	260	269
Rush Att	490	482
Rush Yards	2189	2164
Avg Rush	4.5	4.5
Pass Comp	215	224
Pass Att	369	430
Pass Yds	3658	3090
Had Int	12	12
Off Yds per game	487	438

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	Texas	(-9)	W	49-31
19	at Houston	(-27 1/2)	L	42-24
O. 3	Washington St	(-23)	W	49-17
10	at Arizona	(-5)	W	52-28
17	Oregon	(-10)	L	41-38
24	at California	(-14)	L	28-16
31	Stanford	(-28 1/2)	L	28-24
N. 7	at Oregon St	(-17)	L	41-34
14	at Washington	(-6 1/2)	W	36-24
21	Southern Cal	(-6)	W	34-17
D. 5	at Miami, Fla.	(-9 1/2)	L	45-49
J. 1	vs Wisconsin	(-9)	L	31-38

Bryan Fletcher (6-5, 240) and A-A frosh recruit Mike Seidman (6-5, 250), considered one of the top two TEs in the prep ranks last season.

As at wide receiver, the Bruins are rich in quality performers at tailback. Returning to share starting duties here are DeShaun Foster (6-1, 205, so.), Jermaine Lewis (5-7, 180, jr.) and Keith Brown (6-0, 215, sr.), who last year ran for an aggregate 1,649 yards and a whopping 28 touchdowns. Also expected to play a prominent role at tailback is super A-A frosh recruit Akil Harris (6-0, 200), while strong-blocking senior Durrell Price (6-0, 230) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by senior letterman Mark Verti (6-1, 235).

The offensive interior line welcomes back two starters -- guard Oscar Cabrera (6-4, 300, jr.) and tackle Brian Polak (6-4, 330, jr.). Sophomore letterman Troy Danoff (6-4, 310) will take over at center, while super A-A redshirt freshmen Mike Saffer (6-5, 315) and Blake Worley (6-6, 320) are first in line to fill the vacant guard and tackle slots. Also expected to log starting duty as a co-regular at either guard spot is 1998 four-game starter James Ghezzi (6-5, 300, sr.), while the top reserves in the O-line will be lettermen Matt Phelan (6-4, 290, sr.), Josh Webb (6-6, 290, jr.) and Tony Ippolito (6-4, 280, jr.), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Scott Wiegard (6-7, 310).

Defensively, the Bruins were generous to a fault last season, but they're gonna be much-improved on this side of the ball in '99. They're switching from a 3-4 to a 4-3 alignment this year, with the two flank posts being shared by a quartet of returning regulars -- Kenyon Coleman (6-5, 285, jr.), Santi Hall (6-2, 250, so.), Pete Holland (6-3, 275, sr.) and Trevor Turner (6-5, 260, sr.). The two tackle berths will be manned by 1998 co-regulars Ken Kocher (6-4, 300, so.) and Anthony Fletcher (6-3, 295, so.), and they'll be backstopped by A-A redshirt freshmen Steve Morgan (6-3, 310) and Sean Phillips (6-5, 295).

The Bruins boast a lot of experience in their second line of defense where Tony White (6-1, 225, jr.) and Robert Thomas (6-2, 235, so.) are back to share starting duties at MLB, after making a combined 95 tackles last fall. Ryan Nece (6-2, 210, so.) and Ramogi Huma (6-1, 230, sr.), who

recorded an aggregate 93 stops in '98, will again run 1-2 at one OLB post, while lettermen Ali Azziz (6-2, 230, sr.) and Billy Pieper (6-2, 230, jr.) are first in line to fill the other outside backer slot.

The secondary is headed by alternating cornerbacks Ryan Roques (6-0, 180, so.), Jason Bell (6-1, 180, sr.) and Marques Anderson (6-0, 185, jr.). A year ago, Roques intercepted four passes and the three of them broke up a total of 34 enemy aeriels. Sophomore Jason Stephens (6-2, 195) is back at free safety, with hard-hitting redshirt freshman Audie Attar (6-0, 185) expected to man the strong safety post. The top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen Eric Whitfield (6-2, 205, sr.) and Julius Williams (6-0, 185, so.), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Lovell Houston (6-1, 185).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Bruins may not be as explosive on offense as they were a year ago, but we wouldn't advise you to bet on it. If their new quarterback and rebuilt blocking corps are up to the mark (and we believe they will be!), they'll use their balanced attack to average well over 400 yards and 30 points per game. As far as their defense is concerned, it'll be improved overall and far less generous than it was last season when it surrendered lofty averages of 438 yards and 28 points per game. Look for UCLA to be one of the (if not the!) teams to beat in the PAC-10 Sweepstakes this year.

## SOUTHERN CAL

(8-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	9
	Offense	6
	Defense	6

The Men of Troy lived up to our expectations of them last year, but they could've had a bigger season if their offense had been able to field a stronger running game. Which is exactly what Head Coach Paul Hackett is trying to achieve as he prepares his charges for the '99 grid wars. But he also realizes that he must successfully rebuild his defense if USC hopes to challenge for conference honors this season. And that may prove to be a little easier said than done.

Offensively, nothing but good things will be said about the Trojans when they're on the attack this year. Barking signals for USC once more will be sophomore Carson Palmer (6-4, 220), who did a great job as a true freshman last season when he completed 130 of 235 passes (55.3%) for 1,755 yards and seven touchdowns. He'll again be sharing QB duties with former starter Mike Van Raaphorst (6-5, 225, jr.), who hit on 77 of 155 passes for 1,066 yards and eight TDs in '98.

The receiving corps will be headed by explosive flanker R. Jay Soward (5-11, 180, sr.), who last year caught 44 passes for 679 yards and six touchdowns. He also ran for 150 yards and one score on 12 carries (a 12.5 avg.). Senior Windrell Hayes (6-0, 200), who snared 24 tosses for 340 yards and two TDs in '98, will take over at split end, while strong-blocking junior Antoine Harris (6-4, 255) returns at tight end where he'll be supported by A-A redshirt freshman Scott Huber (6-4, 250). The top reserves at the wideouts figure to be JUCO transfer Craig Mitchell (5-9, 170, jr.) and A-A frosh recruits Marcell Allmond (6-2, 190), Kareem Kelly (6-1, 185) and Steve Stevenson (6-2, 205).

Senior tailback Chad Morton (5-8, 190) keys USC's running game. He ran for a team-leading

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985 yards and six touchdowns last season. Sharing the TB spot with him once more will be senior Petros Papadakis (6-1, 220), who ran for 365 yards and eight scores in '98, while strong-blocking junior Brennan Ochs (6-2, 230) is first in line to start at fullback. Also contributing to the RB cause will be lettermen Frank Strong (6-2, 210, so.), Jabari Jackson (6-2, 230, sr.) and Malaefou MacKenzie (6-2, 220, so.), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Sultan McCullough (5-11, 185).

The blocking corps should be a team strength with all five starters back in the fold -- center Matt McShane (6-5, 295, sr.), guards Travis Claridge (6-6, 320, sr.) and Jason Grain (6-5, 320, sr.), and tackles Matt Welch (6-6, 310, jr.) and Brent McCaffrey (6-5, 290, jr.). Strong backup support in the O-line will come from 1998 co-regulars Donta Kendrick (6-3, 310, sr.), Eric Denmon (6-2, 280, jr.) and Trevor Roberts (6-4, 315, jr.), as well as junior Faaesha Mailo (6-5, 335), a starter in '96 who was not in school for the last two years.

USC's defensive line is the strongest unit on this side of the ball. Leading the charge here are three returning regulars -- end Sultan Malik (6-3, 235, jr.) and tackles Ennis Davis (6-4, 305, jr.) and Aaron Williams (6-4, 290, sr.). A year ago, they made a combined 125 tackles, including 32 for minus yardage with 12 quarterback sacks. Kansas State transfer Matt Childers (6-4, 275, jr.) and 1998 co-regular Shamsud Shaheed (6-4, 270, jr.) are the leading candidates to man the flank post opposite Malik, while sophomore lettermen Kori Dickerson (6-4, 240) and Bobby DeMars (6-4, 245, are also in the DE mix. The top reserves at DT will be sophomore letterman Ryan Nielsen (6-5, 275), JUCO transfer Darren Collins (6-3, 270,

## 1998 Southern Cal Final Statistics

	Southern Cal	Opp
Points per game	27	19
1st Downs	201	238
Rush Att	445	537
Rush Yards	1648	2023
Avg Rush	3.7	3.8
Pass Comp	207	229
Pass Att	391	461
Pass Yds	2821	2299
Had Int	10	24
Off Yds per game	344	333

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 30	Purdue	(-7 1/2)	W	27-17
S. 12	San Diego St	(-19 1/2)	W	35-6
19	Oregon St	(-14)	W	40-20
26	at Florida St	(+13 1/2)	L	10-30
O. 3	Arizona St	(-3 1/2)	W	35-24
10	California	(-11)	L	31-32
17	at Washington St	(-9)	W	42-14
24	at Oregon	(+7)	W	13-17
31	Washington	(-6 1/2)	W	33-10
N. 7	at Stanford	(-10 1/2)	W	34-9
21	at UCLA	(+6)	L	17-34
28	Notre Dame	(-8 1/2)	W	10-0
D. 31	vs TCU	(-16)	L	19-28





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jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Bernard Riley (6-4, 305).

Junior Zeke Moreno (6-3, 245) is the only starter returning to the linebacking corps. He made 66 tackles with 10 for minus yardage last season. Lettermen Jason Steen (6-4, 235, jr.), Mike Pollard (6-0, 230, so.) and Darryl Knight (6-3, 230, so.) will get first shot at filling the other two backer slots, and they'll be challenged by three newcomers with All-American credentials — JUCO transfer Markus Steele (6-3, 230, jr.) and redshirt freshmen Anthony Daye (6-4, 240) and Armand Holland (6-1, 235).

Spearheading the secondary will be cornerback Antuan Simmons (5-11, 185, jr.) and strong safety David Gibson (6-2, 215, sr.). Simmons intercepted three passes and broke up a team-leading 17 passes last fall, while Gibson recorded 85 stops with seven for minus yardage as a fulltime starter at outside linebacker. Former starters Ifeanyi Ohalet (6-2, 215, jr.) and Darnell Lacy (6-3, 205, jr.) will bang heads for starting rights at free safety, while lettermen Kris Richard (6-0, 180, so.) and Tanqueray Clark (6-0, 185, sr.) are first in line to fill the vacant CB slot. Others pushing for playing time in the deep zones are senior letterman Frank Carter (6-0, 195), JUCO transfer DeShaun Hill (6-0, 190, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Darrell Rideaux (5-9, 180).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Armed with an improved ground game and another potent aerial arm, the Trojans will attack their foes with a well-balanced offense that should easily exceed its 1998 output of 344 yards and 27 points per game. But it's USC's defense which is really gonna determine how far this team goes in '99. If the retooled stop troops play to a higher performance level than their '98 counterparts, the Trojans could go as far as the top of the PAC-10 this season; if they don't, then they won't!

## ARIZONA STATE

(56-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	40
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	9

After posting a two-year 20-4 record in '96 and '97, the Sun Devils got burned big-time last season because their defense was ravaged to the tune of 407 yards and 31 points per game. In preparing his charges for the '99 campaign, Head Coach Bruce Snyder believes he has all the necessary ingredients on hand to cook up a lot of trouble for ASU's opponents this season. And maybe he has -- but whatever he's brewing better contain more than a dash of defensive seasoning. If it doesn't, then the Sun Devils could find themselves being served up as a main course more often than not!

ASU's offense will again be piloted by junior

quarterback Ryan Kealy (6-2, 205), who last season completed 57.5% of his passes for 2,161 yards and 19 touchdowns with nine interceptions. Kealy will be strongly supported at QB by three impressive newcomers — redshirt freshman Matt Cooper (6-4, 215) and all-star JUCO transfers John Leonard (6-2, 195, so.) and Griffin Goodman (6-1, 185, jr.).

The receiving corps will be headed by junior wideout Tariq McDonald (6-1, 180), who caught 28 passes for 397 yards and four touchdowns last year. The other wideout post figures to be manned by A-A JUCO transfer Richard Williams (6-0, 170, jr.), who caught 41 passes for 809 yards and eight touchdowns at Mesa Community College last season, while others who'll figure prominently in the WR mix are lettermen Brian Forth (5-11, 180, jr.) and Justin Taplin (6-0, 185, so.), as well as JUCO transfer Ryan Dennard (6-4, 210, so.). The tight end position is shared by incumbents Kendrick Bates (6-6, 250, sr.) and Todd Heap (6-5, 235, so.), who caught a combined 26 passes for 366 yards and five scores in '98, and they'll again be backstopped by hard-nosed senior Brian Jennings (6-5, 240).

The wheelhorse of ASU's running game is senior tailback J.R. Redmond (6-0, 210), who has rushed for 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns thus far in his Sun Devil career. He'll be supported by Gerald Green (5-9, 195, sr.) and Davaren Hightower (6-1, 210, so.), who ran for an aggregate 657 yards and five TDs last fall, as well as A-A JUCO transfer Delvon Flowers (6-0, 190, jr.), while the vacant fullback (or blocking!) post is being fought for by lettermen Jake Each (6-1, 240, so.) and Terrelle Smith (6-1, 240, sr.), as well as A-A redshirt freshman Darrel Turner (6-0, 235).

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters and a horde of outstanding newcomers. The incumbents are center Scott Peters (6-3, 315, so.), guard Victor Leyva (6-4, 310, jr.) and tackle Marvel Smith (6-6, 315, jr.), and they'll be joined in the starting rotation by 1998 co-regular Thomas Schmidt (6-6, 315, sr.) and A-A JUCO transfer Kenneth Williamson (6-4, 320, jr.) at tackle and guard, respectively. Also in the O-line mix will be lettermen Korey Ramsay (6-3, 285, jr.) and Levi Jones (6-6, 300, so.); JUCO transfers Marquise Muldrow (6-3, 320, jr.) and Steve York (6-5, 315, so.); and super frosh recruits Marc Carlson (6-7, 310), Regis Crawford (6-3, 310), Nick Johnson (6-8, 325), Brandon Macias (6-7, 325) and Damien Niko (6-5, 305).

Sizing up the defense, we'll start with a four-man front wall that's anchored by senior tackle Junior Ioane (6-4, 310), a solid run-stopper who last year made 38 tackles, including 11 for minus yardage and four quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Ryan Reilly (6-2, 305, sr.) will man the other tackle post, while the two end positions welcome the return of Erik Flowers (6-4, 250, sr.) and Quincy Yancy (6-8, 260, jr.). A year ago, Reilly, Flowers and Yancy made a combined 93 tackles, including 21 for minus yardage with six QB sacks. Projected as key reserves in the D-line are senior letterman Che Britton (6-1, 275), redshirted JUCO A-A Jewell Samilton (6-2, 290, jr.), A-A redshirt freshman Mike Pinkard (6-5, 270) and A-A frosh recruit Tony Aguilar (6-4, 305).

The linebacking corps features three returning starters in MLB Eric Fields (6-3, 230, so.) and OLBs Stephen Trejo (6-3, 255, jr.) and Adam Archuleta (6-0, 220, jr.). They made a combined 150 tackles with 27 for minus yardage and 10 quarterback sacks last season. Strengthening this

## 1998 Arizona State Final Statistics

	Arizona State	Opp
Points per game	30	31
1st Downs	226	225
Rush Att	453	403
Rush Yards	1681	1636
Avg Rush	3.7	4.1
Pass Comp	207	196
Pass Att	369	371
Pass Yds	2849	2836
Had Int	12	12
Off Yds per game	412	407

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Washington	(-5)	L	38-42
12 at	Brigham Young	(-6 1/2)	L	6-26
19	N Texas	(-37)	L	34-15
26	Oregon St	(-10 1/2)	W	24-3
O. 3 at	Southern Cal	(+3 1/2)	L	24-35
10	Notre Dame	(-3 1/2)	L	9-28
22	Stanford	(-15 1/2)	L	44-38
31 at	Washington St	(-6)	W	38-28
N. 7	California	(-5 1/2)	W	55-22
14 at	Oregon	(+8 1/2)	L	19-51
27 at	Arizona	(+11 1/2)	W	42-50

area is the addition of four all-star newcomers — redshirt freshman Mason Unck (6-2, 220), frosh recruit Solomon Bates (6-3, 245) and JUCO transfers Jamall Anderson (6-2, 240, jr.) and Adam Tanke (6-2, 230, jr.).

The secondary was very generous last season but it will be a lot better this time around. Showing the way here is senior cornerback Courtney Jackson (6-1, 190), who led the team in interceptions (4) and pass breakups (8) last year. Also back to their starting spots are senior cornerback Juan Cherry (6-0, 205) and sophomore strong safety Willie Daniel (6-0, 210). A-A JUCO transfer Craig Koontz (6-0, 190, jr.) will get the starting call at free safety, while strong backup support in the deep zones will come from 1998 co-regular Christon Rance (6-2, 200, jr.), fellow lettermen Kareem Clark (5-10, 185, sr.) and Courtney Palmore (5-11, 185, so.), and four very talented newcomers — redshirt freshman Alfred Williams (6-1, 195) and JUCO transfers Monte Franks (6-1, 205, jr.), Nijrell Eason (6-1, 195, jr.) and Kenny Williams (5-11, 185, jr.).

Sophomore punter Stephen Baker (5-11, 185) is a very big plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 45.7 yards per boot on 56 punts!

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Sun Devils don't figure to win the PAC-10 Championship this year, but they do figure to be a much better team than they were last season if their running game increases its production and their stop troops are able to stop a lot more people than they did in '98. We believe ASU will be improved in both aforementioned areas, which is why we also believe the Sun Devils will win at least six or seven games while proving that many of their opponents have bitten off more than they can chew!

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# WASHINGTON

(6-6-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 20  
Returning 48  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 6  
Defense 8

It came as no surprise to us when, after the Huskies had been destroyed by Air Force in the Aloha Bowl, Head Coach Jim Lambright was unceremoniously given his walking papers. Enter new head honcho Rick Neuheisel, who directed Colorado to an impressive 33-14 record over the last four years. Given Coach Neuheisel's track record and ability to win wherever he goes, it would come as a surprise to us if he doesn't lead Washington to the upper echelons of the PAC-10 this season.

With Brock Huard having opted for an early departure to the NFL, the Huskies will look to junior quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo (6-2, 215) to lead their attack force into battle this fall. He's an excellent runner and passer who has toiled as a co-regular for the last two years, during which time he has thrown for 1,134 yards and five touchdowns while also scampering for 439 yards and eight more scores. Tuiasosopo will be supported by sophomore letterman J.K. Scott (6-3, 215) and A-A frosh recruit Cody Pickett (6-4, 215), one of the top QBs in the prep ranks last season.

The receiving corps is headed by wideouts Dane Looker (6-1, 195, sr.) and Chris Juergens (6-3, 215, so.), who last year caught a combined 91 passes for 1,076 yards and 10 touchdowns. Returning as co-regulars at WR are Gerald Harris

(6-1, 195, jr.), Joe Jarzynka (5-7, 175, sr.) and Warren Hooker (5-11, 175, jr.), who snared a total of 45 spirals in '98, while lettermen Anthony Mizin (6-4, 265, sr.) and John Westra (6-5, 255, jr.) are expected to run 1-2 at tight end.

Sophomores Willie Hurst (5-10, 205) and Braxton Cleman (6-1, 205), who ran for a combined 775 yards and seven touchdowns in '98, will team with former regular Maurice Shaw (6-0, 215, sr.) to perform tailback chores, but all three could be beaten out by super A-A frosh recruit Paul Arnold (6-1, 210), one of the top three RBs in the prep ranks last season when he ran for 1,974 yards and 32 touchdowns while averaging over 10 yards per carry. Powerful junior Pat Conniff (6-1, 240) returns as a devastating lead blocker at fullback, and he'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman John Hart (6-1, 235).

Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt around two returning starters -- guard Chad Ward (6-5, 325, jr.) and tackle Elliott Silvers (6-6, 320, jr.). Lettermen Matt Fraize (6-4, 315, jr.) and Kyle Benn (6-3, 310, so.) are expected to duke it out for starting rights at center, while fellow monogram winners Kurth Connell (6-5, 320, sr.) and Rock Nelson (6-5, 310, so.) are first in line to fill the vacant guard and tackle slots, respectively. Also trying to crack the starting rotation are A-A JUCO transfers Wes Call (6-7, 310, jr.) and Adis Davtyan (6-2, 305, jr.), as well as redshirt freshman Elliott Zajac (6-4, 310) and lettermen Dominic Daste (6-3, 320, jr.), Zach McCall (6-5, 335, jr.) and Joe Collier (6-7, 295, so.).

Defensively, the Huskies were very vulnerable to the pass last season, but they'll be a bit improved in that regard this year. The secondary features a trio of returning starters in free safety Hakim Akbar (6-1, 195, so.) and cornerbacks Jermaine Smith (5-11, 195, sr.) and Toure Butler (5-9, 170, jr.). Sophomore letterman Anthony Vontoure (6-1, 190) will fill the vacant strong safety slot, while A-A JUCO transfer Roderick Green (5-11, 185, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Levi Madarieta (6-3, 210) will also contend for starting duty in the deep zones. Providing backup support here will be lettermen Wondame Davis (5-11, 180, so.), Omar Lowe (6-0, 190, so.), Renard Edwards

(6-2, 195, sr.) and Lenny Haynes (5-9, 190, so.).

The four-man linebacking corps is outstanding and is headed by OLB Jeremiah Pharms (6-1, 240, jr.) and ILBs Lester Towns (6-3, 245, sr.) and Marques Hairston (6-2, 240, sr.), who last year made a combined 148 tackles, including 30 for minus yardage with 15 quarterback sacks. Junior letterman Derrell Daniels (6-1, 220) should get the starting call at the vacant outside backer post, while the top reserves in this area will be 1998 co-regular Jeff Johnson (6-2, 230, sr.) and lettermen Ken Walker (6-1, 235, so.), Jafar Williams (6-0, 210, so.) and Odell George (6-2, 230, jr.).

The three-man trench is anchored by big-play tackles Mac Tuiaea (6-6, 300, sr.) and Jabari Issa (6-6, 305, sr.), who last year made a combined 84 tackles, including 25 for minus yardage with 14 quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regular Ryan Julian (6-6, 290, jr.) figures to take over at the vacant end position, while the leading backups in the D-line are expected to be lettermen Larry Tripplett (6-2, 290, so.), Nick Feigner (6-4, 270) and Toalie Multiauaopele (6-5, 325, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Huskies were off their feed last season, but they'll be feeding on a few more people this year than they did last fall. Their offense will be productive and well-balanced while exceeding its 1998 output of 356 yards and 25 points per game, while their defense will again be very tough to run on and more than a bit improved in defending the pass. What it all means to us is that Washington will be a serious contender for PAC-10 honors this fall. And it should mean the same thing to you!

## STANFORD

(3-8-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 8  
Returning 46  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 9  
Defense 10

Entering his fifth season at the helm of the Cardinal football program, Head Coach Tyrone Willingham is hopeful that this will be one of the best teams he's had at Palo Alto. And well it could be -- but only if Stanford's running game makes a much bigger contribution on offense, and its defense starts playing more like the Grinch and less like Lassie!

Stanford's potent passing attack will again be launched by senior quarterback Todd Husak (6-3, 210), who completed 233 of 447 passes (52.1%) for 3,092 yards and 17 touchdowns with just seven interceptions last year. Husak is strongly supported by athletic juniors Joe Borchard (6-4, 205) and Randy Fasani (6-4, 235), who ran and passed for a total of 489 yards and seven TDs in '98. Also in the QB picture is super A-A frosh recruit Chris Lewis (6-3, 210), who threw for 3,170 yards and 43 touchdowns as a prepster last fall.

Husak will be playing catch with a receiving corps that ranks among the finest in the land. Especially alternating wideouts Troy Walters (5-8, 170, sr.), DeRonnie Pitts (5-11, 195, sr.) and Dave Davis (6-0, 185, jr.), who last year caught a combined 174 passes for 2,599 yards and 18 touchdowns! Senior Russell Stewart (6-5, 260), who had two TD grabs included in his 12 receptions last year, returns at tight end where he'll again be backstopped by senior letterman Steve Coughlin (6-3, 260).

Stanford has a lot of experience at the running back positions with the return of halfback Coy Wire (6-0, 215, jr.) and fullback Maxwell Steven-

### 1998 Washington Final Statistics

	Washington	Opp
Points per game	25	27
1st Downs	210	211
Rush Att	400	419
Rush Yards	1501	1443
Avg Rush	3.8	3.4
Pass Comp	209	187
Pass Att	401	350
Pass Yds	2411	2984
Had Int	18	5
Off Yds per game	356	403

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Arizona St	(+5)	W	42-38
19	Brigham Young	(-9 1/2)	W	20-10
26	at Nebraska	(+13 1/2)	L	7-55
O. 3	Arizona	(-2)	L	28-31
10	Utah St	(-21)	W	53-12
17	California	(-9)	L	21-13
24	Oregon St	(-17)	L	35-34
31	at Southern Cal	(+6 1/2)	L	10-33
N. 7	at Oregon	(+6 1/2)	W	22-27
14	UCLA	(+6 1/2)	L	24-36
21	at Washington St	(-9 1/2)	L	16-9
D. 25	at Air Force	(+3 1/2)	L	25-45

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## 1998 Stanford Final Statistics

	Stanford	Opp
Points per game	24	33
1st Downs	240	235
Rush Att	346	448
Rush Yards	831	1987
Avg Rush	2.4	4.4
Pass Comp	263	192
Pass Att	513	336
Pass Yds	3516	2892
Had Int	8	15
Off Yds per game	395	444

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	San Jose St	(-15 1/2)	L	23-35
12	Arizona	(+7 1/2)	L	14-31
19	N Carolina	(+8)	W	37-34
26	at Oregon	(+16 1/2)	L	28-63
O. 3	at Notre Dame	(+17 1/2)	L	17-35
10	Oregon St	(+1)	L	23-30
22	at Arizona St	(+15 1/2)	W	38-44
31	at UCLA	(+28 1/2)	W	24-28
N. 7	Southern Cal	(+10 1/2)	L	9-34
14	Washington St	(-7)	W	38-28
21	at California	(+7)	W	10-3

son (5-11, 245, sr.) plus top reserves Juan Carlos-Lacey (5-10, 195, sr.), Brian Allen (5-10, 195, so.), Emory Brock (5-11, 225, sr.) and Byron Glaspie (6-1, 240, sr.), all of whom managed to run for a total of only 780 yards and seven touchdowns last year. Which means that Stanford's best ball carrier in '99 figures to be All-American frosh recruit Kerry Carter (6-2, 230), one of the top five RBs in the prep ranks last season.

The offensive interior line welcomes back three starters — tackle Jeff Cronshagen (6-7, 320, sr.), center Mike McLaughlin (6-4, 310, sr.) and guard Joe Fairchild (6-5, 295, sr.). Sophomore letterman Eric Heitmann (6-5, 300) is a cinch to man the guard post opposite Fairchild, while the vacant tackle position is being fought for by sophomore Greg Schindler (6-6, 320) and juniors Ben Garrison (6-8, 295) and Damion Tinsley (6-4, 295). Also expected to contribute in the blocking corps are junior letterman Zack Quaccia (6-4, 295) and A-A frosh recruit Mike Sullivan (6-6, 320).

Defensively, Stanford will be very experienced and much-improved. Up front, the four-man trench is anchored by big-play tackle Willie Howard (6-4, 300, sr.), who last year made 53 tackles, including 10 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. Also returning to their starting posts here are end Sam Benner (6-5, 290, sr.) and nose tackle Andrew Currie (6-4, 290, sr.), with junior letterman Austin Lee (6-6, 280) ticketed to start at the end post opposite Benner. Solid depth in the D-line will come from lettermen Marcus Hoover (6-4, 275, jr.), Travis Pfeifer (6-4, 280, jr.) and Doreen Kass (6-3, 285, sr.), as well as promising sophomores Trey Freeman (6-3, 315) and Matt Leonard (6-4, 300).

The linebacking corps is very good and is headed by senior ILBs Marc Stockbauer (6-3, 240) and Sharcus Steen (6-2, 240), who last year made a combined 161 tackles with 16 for minus yardage and six QB sacks. The outside backer berth will be filled by senior Riall Johnson (6-3, 245), who made 66 tackles while starting at defensive end last season, while the top reserves in this area will be junior lettermen Mike Burke (6-1, 230), Matt Friedrichs (6-0, 235) and Anthony Gabriel (6-3, 240).

All-star free safety Tim Smith (6-4, 230, sr.) will spearhead the secondary after leading the Cardinal in tackles (109) and interceptions (6) last season. Other returning starters back deep are alternating strong safeties Aaron Focht (5-10, 195, sr.) and Simba "The Lion" Hodari (6-1, 195, jr.), as well as cornerbacks Chris Johnson (5-11, 185, sr.) and Ruben Carter (5-8, 170, jr.). Toiling as leading backups in the secondary once more will be lettermen Tank Williams (6-4, 210, so.), Brian Taylor (6-0, 185, so.), Jamien McCullum (6-0, 190, jr.) and Frank Primus (5-11, 190, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With a more productive ground game complementing its potent aerial attack, Stanford's offense will be a very effective strike force that'll easily exceed its 1998 output of 395 yards and 24 points per game. And Stanford's defense, though it won't be overpowering, will be improved in defending both the run and the pass. So when you add it all up, you have to conclude that this team could (if not should!) scale the .500 barrier while having a big say in the outcome of the PAC-10 title race. Well, we have -- and we do!

## CALIFORNIA

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	45
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
	Defense	9

After winning only eight games in his first two years at the California helm, Head Coach Tom Holmoe believes this will be a breakout season for his Golden Bears. And it will be if the anemic Cal offense comes to life as a much stronger complement to its hard-nosed defensive counterpart. But will that happen? Maybe -- but we'd sooner bet on the prospect that Billary Clinton will start telling the truth one of these days!

The truth about Cal's quarterback situation is simply that it's up in the air at this writing. With the graduation of Justin Vedder, the starting job will be fought for by sophomore Samuel Clemons (6-2, 210) and redshirt freshman David Page (6-1, 185), as well as A-A frosh recruits Kyle Boller (6-4, 205) and Ryan Sorahan (6-3, 205). Boller, who is our choice to be the new starting quarterback, was sensational as a prepster last season when he threw for 4,838 yards and an incredible 59 touchdowns with only three interceptions!

The receiving corps will be rebuilt around senior wideout Joel Young (6-2, 190), who caught 28 passes last year. Redshirted JUCO transfer Michael Ainsworth (6-1, 185, jr.) and junior letterman Phillip Pipersburg (5-10, 185) are the leading candidates to fill the vacant wideout slot, while junior Brian Surgenor (6-4, 235) is back at tight end where he'll again be supported by sophomore letterman Corey Smith (6-4, 250).

Cal's running game is headed by junior tailback Marcus Fields (6-2, 210), who last year ran for a team-leading 734 yards and four touchdowns on 163 carries (a 4.5 avg.). He also caught 19 passes for 232 yards and two more scores. Fields will be backstopped by junior letterman Marcus Oliver (5-11, 210) and explosive frosh recruit Joe Igber (5-8, 190), while strong-blocking senior Joshua White (6-0, 250) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by sophomore letterman Saleem Muhammad (6-0, 195) and powerful JUCO transfer Keala Keanaaina (6-3, 260, jr.).

The offensive interior line will be reconstructed on a foundation of three returning starters — center John Romero (6-3, 315, sr.) and tackles Bran-

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don Ludwig (6-4, 300, so.) and Langston Walker (6-8, 340, so.). The new starting guards should be heralded JUCO transfer Chris Chick (6-5, 290, jr.) and 1998 six-game starter Kevin Doherty (6-5, 305, sr.), while others in the O-line mix are junior Reid Diehl (6-4, 295), sophomore Russell Wittman (6-4, 290) and promising redshirt freshmen Adam Fisher (6-4, 285) and Brian Gray (6-4, 280).

And now for Cal's stop troops, a nasty bunch that'll take very few prisoners this season. The head honchos of this outfit are outside linebacker Skou Sanyika (6-4, 240, sr.) and inside linebacker Matt Beck (6-4, 240, sr.). A year ago, Sanyika made 55 tackles, including 23 for minus yardage with seven quarterback sacks, while Beck recorded 65 stops, including 19 for minus yardage with five QB sacks! The other ILB berth figures to be filled by rugged senior letterman Keith Miller (6-2, 245), while solid backup support in this area will come from hard-hitting sophomore lettermen Jamaal Cherry (6-3, 255) and Scott Fujita (6-5, 245), as well as redshirt transfer Jason Smith (6-0, 230, jr.) and A-A JUCO transfer Chris Ball (6-3, 235, jr.).

Up front, the four-man trench will be anchored by senior tackle Jerry DeLoach (6-4, 310) and junior end Andre Carter (6-4, 260), who made a combined 70 tackles with 16 for minus yardage and six sacks last season. Back at the other end position is Mawuko Tugbenyoh (6-1, 250, sr.), who made 30 tackles with six QB sacks in '98, while juniors Jacob Waasdorp (6-2, 275) and Nate Geldermann (6-1, 260) will again run 1-2 at nose tackle after making a combined 40 tackles with five QB sacks last fall. Operating as top reserves in the D-line will be 1998 co-regular Jeremiah



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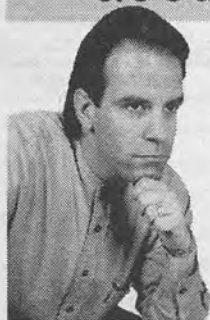


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## 1998 California Final Statistics

	California	Opp
Points per game	17	23
1st Downs	189	201
Rush Att	381	449
Rush Yards	870	1472
Avg Rush	2.3	3.3
Pass Comp	213	161
Pass Att	401	349
Pass Yds	2344	2271
Had Int	15	14
Off Yds per game	292	340

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Houston	(-14 1/2)	L	14-10
12	Nebraska	(+21)	P	3-24
19	at Oklahoma	(+3 1/2)	W	13-12
26	Washington St	(-4 1/2)	W	24-14
O. 10	at Southern Cal	(+11)	W	32-31
17	at Washington	(+9)	W	13-21
24	UCLA	(+14)	W	16-28
31	at Oregon St	(-2)	L	20-19
N. 7	at Arizona St	(+5 1/2)	L	22-55
14	Arizona	(+10 1/2)	W	23-27
21	Stanford	(-7)	L	3-10

Parker (6-5, 285, sr.), big-play redshirt freshman Zach Whittington (6-4, 250) and JUCO transfers Tim Pompa (6-4, 275, jr.) and Johnny Jackson (6-4, 270, jr.).

The secondary welcomes back returning starters in free safety Pete Destefano (6-2, 215, sr.) and cornerbacks Chidi Iwuoma (5-9, 185, jr.) and Deltha O'Neal (5-11, 195, sr.). Senior letterman Damian Marzett (6-0, 210) is ticketed to start at strong safety, while others in the deep zone picture are 1998 co-regular (at CB) Drae Harris (5-10, 190, sr.), sophomore letterman Dewey Hale (6-0, 190) and talented redshirt freshmen LaShaun Ward (6-0, 190) and Jameel Powell (6-1, 190).

Junior punter Nick Harris (6-3, 215) is a plus for this team. A year ago, he averaged 41 yards per boot on 87 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Golden Bears will be a potent force on defense. They'll be especially tough to run on while also being very difficult to pass against as they prove to be stingier than they were last season when they allowed respectable averages of 340 yards and 23 points per game. But how well California is able to move the ball will dictate to a large extent what kind of season this team will have in 1999. If their offense can average more than the 292 yards and 17 points per game that it did last season, the Bears will growl their way to a plus .500 finish. If it doesn't, then they won't!

## OREGON

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	47
	STARTERS RETURNING Offense	6
	Defense	9

The Ducks are coming off an exciting '98 campaign that saw them win eight games while securing a berth in the Aloha Bowl. But they may not be too excited about their '99 campaign because they'll be going to war without super quarterback Akili Smith to lead them. And Head Coach Mike Bellotti knows that the loss of Smith probably won't be overcome.

Getting first shot at filling Smith's big shoes are junior A.J. Feeley (6-4, 220) and sophomore Joey

Harrington (6-4, 215), but their respective performances during spring drills didn't inspire Coach Bellotti to rejoice. Which is why the new man under center this fall may be one of two super frosh recruits - Orlando Evans (6-1, 185) and Jason Fife (6-4, 210).

Oregon's receiving corps will be headed by senior flanker Tony Hartley (6-0, 190), who last year caught 48 passes for 1,015 yards (a 21.1 avg.) and 10 touchdowns. Speedy JUCO transfer Marshaun Tucker (5-10, 180, jr.) figures to take over at split end, while the tight end position will be fought for by sophomore lettermen Justin Peelle (6-4, 250) and Danny Pullido (6-5, 240), as well as A-A frosh recruit George Wrightster (6-4, 240). And pushing for playing time at the wideout posts are lettermen Ray Brust (6-3, 210, jr.) and Bobby Nero (6-1, 180, so.).

A huge plus for the offense will be the healthy return of senior tailback Reuben Droughns (6-0, 210), who, despite missing the last seven games of the '98 season, still managed to run for 824 yards and nine touchdowns on 112 carries (a 7.5 avg.). He'll be strongly supported by Derien Latimer (5-11, 220, sr.), Herman Ho-Ching (5-11, 205, so.) and Jason Cooper (5-10, 195, jr.), who rushed for a combined 628 yards and six scores in '98, while hard-running senior Chris Young (6-0, 220) returns at fullback where he'll again be supported by junior letterman Chad Chance (6-2, 225).

The offensive interior line welcomes back three starters - center Deke Moen (6-4, 290, sr.), guard Lee Gundy (6-5, 310, jr.) and tackle Scott Fergus (6-7, 310, sr.). 1998 co-regular Josh Beckett (6-5, 320, sr.) should fill the vacant tackle slot, while the guard post opposite Gundy is being fought for by A-A redshirt freshmen Mike Belisle (6-5, 320) and Corey Chambers (6-4, 315). Providing back-up support in the O-line will be sophomore lettermen Al Cotton (6-2, 290), Jim Adams (6-4, 280) and Ryan Schmid (6-4, 275).

Defensively, the Ducks will be very good at linebacker now that ILB Peter Sirmon (6-2, 245, sr.) is back on the job. He was an All-PAC-10 performer in '97 who missed most of the '98 campaign because of injuries. Also returning as starters here are MLB Aaron Cheuvront (6-2, 245, sr.) and OLB Dietrich Moore (6-1, 220, sr.), who last year made a combined 153 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage, and returning as top reserves in this area are lettermen Matt Smith (6-4, 245, jr.), Tim Shear (6-2, 225, so.), Garrett Sabol (6-0, 215, jr.), Wesley Mallard (6-2, 220, so.) and Nathan Naggi (6-4, 230, sr.).

Up front, the four-man trench is anchored by ends Saul Patu (6-3, 270, jr.) and Terry Miller (6-3, 260, sr.), who last season recorded an aggregate 50 tackles, including 24 for minus yardage with nine quarterback sacks. Senior Caleb Smith (6-5, 290) returns to his tackle position, while the other tackle post will be manned by run-stopping JUCO transfer James Rose (6-4, 310, jr.). Toiling as leading backups in the D-line will be lettermen Jason Nikolao (6-2, 280, jr.) and Zack Freiter (6-3, 275, so.), as well as redshirted JUCO transfer Faiva Talaeai (6-4, 295, jr.).

The secondary features three returning starters in free safety Brandon McLeMore (6-3, 210, sr.), strong safety Michael Fletcher (5-10, 200, sr.) and cornerback Rashad Bauman (5-8, 180, jr.). 1998 co-regular Tamoni Joiner (5-10, 185, jr.) hopes to fill the vacant CB slot, but his hopes could be dashed by A-A JUCO transfers Jermaine Hanspard (5-11, 185, jr.) and Brian Johnson (5-9, 170, jr.). Also contending for starting duties in the deep

## 1998 Oregon Final Statistics

	Oregon	Opp
Points per game	39	25
1st Downs	254	186
Rush Att	439	406
Rush Yards	1860	1694
Avg Rush	4.2	4.2
Pass Comp	199	184
Pass Att	346	348
Pass Yds	3400	2594
Had Int	7	10
Off Yds per game	478	390

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Michigan St	(-1)	W	48-14
12	at UTEP	(-21)	L	33-26
19	San Jose St	(-24)	W	58-3
26	Stanford	(-16 1/2)	W	63-28
O. 10	at Washington St	(-13 1/2)	W	51-29
17	at UCLA	(+10)	W	38-41
24	Southern Cal	(-7)	L	17-13
31	at Arizona	(+2)	L	3-38
N. 7	Washington	(-6 1/2)	L	27-22
14	Arizona St	(-8 1/2)	W	51-19
21	at Oregon St	(-9 1/2)	L	41-44
D. 25	vs Colorado	(-5 1/2)	L	43-51

zones will be '98 co-regulars Justin Wilcox (6-2, 205, sr.) and Gary Barker (6-0, 195, jr.), as well as sophomore letterman Steve Smith (6-0, 185) and JUCO transfer Ryan Mitchell (5-11, 185, jr.).

Senior placekicker Nathan Villegas (5-9, 170) is a big weapon for the Ducks. A year ago, he hit on 20 of 22 field goal tries and all 52 of his extra point attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Ducks will be decent on offense since their ground game should be very solid, but their passing attack will be a lot less productive than it was last season when Oregon's strike force averaged 478 yards and 39 points per game. And the stop troops, though they will be much more difficult to penetrate than they were last year, will not be strong enough to completely offset Oregon's weaker aerial arm. Which is the primary reason why we believe the Ducks may not be able to scale the .500 barrier this season.

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# WASH. STATE

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	46
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 8
		Defense 9

Hopes are high for Cougar faithful as Head Coach Mike Price prepares his charges for the upcoming campaign. And we can understand why, since Coach Price will be working with 17 returning starters and a horde of outstanding newcomers. But if the Cougars are to make any noise in the PAC-10 this season, they must strengthen their defense and exhort their quarterbacks to improve on their accuracy and efficiency.

Senior Steve Birnbaum (6-5, 215) and junior Paul Mencke (6-5, 225) are back to share QB duties, but they both need to elevate their respective games if they hope to retain their starting status. A year ago, Birnbaum completed 114 of 235 passes (48.5%) for 1,677 yards and six touchdowns with 11 interceptions, while Mencke hit on 71 of 156 tosses (45.5%) for 1,043 yards and 10 TDs with 14 "picks." Waiting in the wings in the event Birnbaum and Mencke can't cut it are two heralded newcomers -- redshirt freshman Jason Gesser (6-2, 190) and A-A frosh recruit Matt Kegel (6-5, 210).

The four-man receiving crew is headed by all-star flanker Nian Taylor (6-2, 200, sr.), who last year caught 45 passes for 847 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Leaford Hackett (5-9, 175) returns at slotback after snaring 54 tosses for 680 yards and four scores in '98, while Jerry Roquemore (5-11, 185, sr.) and Adam Davis (6-0, 170, so.) will again run 1-2 at split end after catching a combined 25 passes for 380 yards and two TDs last fall. Challenging the incumbent wide-outs for starting duties will be 1998 co-regular Jason White (5-11, 175, so.), who had two TD grabs last year, and heralded JUCO transfers Marcus Williams (6-5, 220, jr.) and Milton Wynn (6-4, 205, jr.). Projected as the new starter at tight end is senior letterman Corey Scott (6-3, 255), and he'll be supported by promising sophomore Jason Littleton (6-5, 265).

Junior Kevin Brown (6-2, 220) spearheads WSU's ground game from the lone running back position. He rushed for 1,046 yards and four touchdowns on 215 carries (a 4.9 avg.) last season. Supporting Brown will be sophomore letterman Jeremy Thielbahr (6-2, 235) and A-A frosh recruit Deon Burnett (6-0, 205), who averaged 10.7 yards per carry while running for 2,616 yards and 27 touchdowns as a high school senior last year.

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Lincoln Schultz (6-4, 285, sr.) and tackles Reed Raymond (6-8, 320, jr.) and Ryan Tujague (6-6, 310, sr.). 1998 co-regular Joe

## 1998 Wash. State Final Statistics

	Wash. State	Opp
Points per game	20	32
1st Downs	198	208
Rush Att	375	469
Rush Yards	1393	2014
Avg Rush	3.7	4.3
Pass Comp	185	179
Pass Att	392	339
Pass Yds	2720	2252
Had Int	25	12
Off Yds per game	374	388

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Illinois	(-12 1/2)	L	20-13
12 at	Boise St	(-11 1/2)	W	33-21
19	Idaho	(-16 1/2)	L	24-16
26 at	California	(+4 1/2)	L	14-24
O. 3 at	UCLA	(+23)	L	17-49
10	Oregon	(+13 1/2)	L	29-51
17	S California	(+9)	L	14-42
31	Arizona St	(+6)	L	28-38
N. 7 at	Arizona	(+24)	L	7-41
14 at	Stanford	(+7)	L	28-38
21	Washington	(+9 1/2)	W	9-16

Criscione (6-3, 300, sr.) and junior letterman Ryan Raymond (6-7, 315) will fill the vacant guard slots, while backup support in the O-line will come from senior letterman Mike Schwarz (6-3, 300), JUCO transfer Garviea Freney (6-3, 285, jr.) and highly-regarded redshirt freshmen Phil Locker (6-5, 300), Tyler Hunt (6-4, 280) and Jason Hughes (6-6, 290).

On the stop side, WSU's first line of defense will be anchored by senior tackle Rob Meier (6-6, 280), who made 51 tackles with eight for minus yardage last year. Senior Jesse Ratcliff (6-2, 260), sophomore Mark Hedeon (6-6, 260) and junior Austin Matson (6-3, 260) are back to alternate at the two end positions, but one of them could be sent to the sidelines by big-play JUCO transfer Anthony Adedipe (6-5, 270, jr.), who racked up 15 QB sacks at Chabot Junior College last season. Talented sophomores Joey Hollenbeck (6-4, 280) and Ing Aleaga (6-3, 300) will duke it out for starting rights at the tackle spot opposite Meier, while a couple of newcomers to keep an eye on at tackle are big-play JUCO transfer Melvin Camarena (6-3, 275, jr.) and A-A frosh recruit Faafetai Tupai (6-4, 300).

The second line of defense is spearheaded by outside linebacker Steve Gleason (5-11, 215, sr.), who last year made 70 tackles, including nine for minus yardage with four quarterback sacks. Brad Philley (6-2, 215, jr.) and Serign Marong (6-2, 230, so.) are expecting to run 1-2 at the other OLB spot again, but we expect both of them to play second fiddle to A-A JUCO transfer Curtis Holden (6-3, 245, jr.). Junior James Price (5-11, 215) returns at middle linebacker, but he was running behind sophomore Tupu Tuupo (6-2, 245) and redshirt freshman Fred Shavies (6-1, 240) during spring drills. Also in the LB picture are 1998 co-regulars Grady Emmerson (6-0, 210, sr.) and Roanall Smith (6-2, 240, so.).

All-star candidate Lamont Thompson (6-2, 215, jr.) will head the secondary from his free safety position after making 71 tackles and intercepting four passes last season. Other returning starters here are strong safety Earl Riley (6-2, 210, sr.) and cornerback Chris Martin (5-11, 185, sr.), who intercepted an aggregate five passes in '98.

Former starter LeJuan Gibbons (5-10, 175, sr.) is ticketed to fill the vacant CB slot, while backup support in the deep zones will come from 1998 co-regular Billy Newman (5-11, 200, so.) and letterman Anthony Matthews (5-9, 180, so.) and Tory Hollimon (5-10, 200, sr.), as well as JUCO transfers Dante Minners (5-10, 180, jr.), John Williams (6-3, 225, jr.) and Mory Banks (5-11, 185, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Granted, the Cougars don't figure to contend for PAC-10 honors this year, but they do figure to tree a few more people than they did last season. Their offense will gain more yards and score more points than it did a year ago, and their defense should be improved in every area. All of which explains why a lot of State fans are expecting their heroes to give them plenty to cheer about this season. And they will!

# OREGON STATE

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	23
	Returning	42
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 6
		Defense 5

As we told you they would, the improved Beavers won five games in '98 and were very competitive in every other game they played last season. But they'll be hard-pressed to equal that feat this time around unless new head coach Dennis Erickson can successfully rebuild his receiving corps and defensive front seven.

Coach Erickson won't have any rebuilding to do at quarterback where Oregon State welcomes back alternating starters Jonathan Smith (5-10, 180, so.) and Terrance Bryant (6-2, 205, sr.). A year ago, they combined to complete 217 of 453 passes for 2,789 yards and 10 touchdowns with just eight interceptions.

The four-man receiving corps will be rebuilt around senior split end Roddy Tompkins (6-0, 200), who caught 29 passes for 431 yards and two TDs last season. The other two WR posts will be fought for by junior letterman Robert Prescott (5-11, 180), explosive frosh recruit James Newson (6-1, 190) and A-A JUCO transfers Imani Percoats (6-4, 210, sr.) and Monjero Jones (6-0, 180, jr.), while 1998 co-regular Martin Maurer (6-4, 240, jr.) and sophomore letterman Mark Walsh (6-2, 245) are ticketed to run 1-2 at tight end.

Super sophomore Ken Simonton (5-7, 185) returns to man the lone running back post. He ran for a team-leading 1,028 yards and 13 touchdowns on 224 carries (a 4.6 avg.) as a redshirt freshman last year. Up front, a decent blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Keith DiDomenico (6-5, 315, jr.), guard Aaron Koch (6-3, 300, sr.) and tackle Jason White (6-5, 320, sr.). 1998 three-game starter Jared Cornell (6-2, 320, jr.) and A-A JUCO transfer Mitch White (6-5, 310, jr.) will fill the vacant guard and tackle slots, respectively, while backup support in the O-line will come from experienced lettermen Robert Theus (6-3, 290, sr.), Robert Sykes (6-5, 320, jr.), Vincent Sandoval (6-4, 295, so.), Chris Gibson (6-3, 280, so.) and Dustin Janz (6-3, 300, so.).

Defensively, the Beavers lost six of their top seven tacklers to graduation, including both ends and outside linebackers. Leading the charge up front will be incumbent tackles Shawn Ball (6-0, 275, sr.) and Aaron Wells (6-0, 250, sr.), and they'll be supported by senior letterman Paul Luoma (6-3, 270) and heralded JUCO transfers Charles O'Neal (6-2, 290, jr.) and Paul Davidson (6-4, 290, jr.). Another JUCO transfer, DeLawrence Grant (6-3, 260, jr.), will man one of the end

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## 1998 Oregon State Final Statistics

	Oregon State	Opp
Points per game	26	27
1st Downs	216	245
Rush Att	367	468
Rush Yards	1276	1495
Avg Rush	3.5	3.2
Pass Comp	220	220
Pass Att	463	400
Pass Yds	2817	2799
Had Int	9	16
Off Yds per game	372	391

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Nevada	(-7 1/2)	W	48-6
12	Baylor	(-7)	W	27-17
19	at S California	(+14)	L	20-40
26	at Arizona St	(+10 1/2)	L	3-24
O. 3	at Utah St	(-4)	P	20-16
10	at Stanford	(-1)	W	30-23
17	Arizona	(+8)	L	7-28
24	at Washington	(+17)	W	34-35
31	California	(+2)	W	19-20
N. 7	UCLA	(+17)	W	34-41
21	Oregon	(+9 1/2)	W	44-41

posts, while the other flank berth will be filled by senior letterman Toalei Talatana (6-2, 240). The top reserves at end figure to be JUCO transfer La-Dairis Jackson (6-3, 250, jr.) and lettermen Greg Petty (6-1, 245, sr.), Ryan Atkinson (6-6, 285, jr.), Kyle Rosselle (6-4, 260, so.) and Daniel Torres (6-3, 255, so.).

The second line of defense will be anchored by senior middle linebacker Jonathan Jackson (6-2, 245), who made 114 tackles last fall. The two outside backer slots will be filled by 1998 co-regular Micah Moore (5-10, 215, sr.) and sophomore letterman James Allen (6-1, 220), while the leading backups in this area are lettermen Sefa O'Reilly (6-1, 235, jr.), Darnell Robinson (5-11, 225, jr.), Brandon Boice (6-2, 235, sr.) and Isaac White (6-1, 225, sr.).

The secondary features two returning starters in free safety Terrence Carroll (6-0, 215, jr.) and cornerback Keith Heyward-Johnson (5-11, 185, jr.). 1998 co-regular Ricky Walker (5-11, 175, jr.) and sophomore letterman Calvin Carlyle (5-11, 190) are first in line to man the vacant CB and strong safety posts, respectively, while others pushing for playing time in the deep zones are A-A frosh recruit Shamon Jamerson (6-0, 185) and all-star JUCO transfers Chad Carpenter (5-10, 185, jr.) and Terrance Gray (5-9, 170, jr.), as well as junior

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lettermen Bo Marthaller (6-0, 185), Aaron Wright (5-11, 180), Samuel Gage (5-10, 185) and Jake Cookus (5-10, 185).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a well-coached team that always comes to play -- but will that be enough to ensure success for Oregon State in 1999? Well, if their rebuilt receiving corps performs as expected, the Beavers will be just as productive on offense as they were a year ago when they averaged 372 yards and 26 points per game. On the stop side, however, OSU's defense wasn't a team strength last season, and it could be even more generous in '99 than it was in '98 when it surrendered averages of 391 yards and 27 points per outing. Which is the primary reason why we believe the Beavers will finish at or near the bottom of the PAC-10 standings this year.

# MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

## BYU

(9-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	22
	Returning	49
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	
	Defense	4

The Cougars used a potent offense and a grudging defense to win nine games and a bid to the Liberty Bowl last season. And they hope to use the same formula for even greater success this time around. But they'll be able to surpass their '98 achievements only if Head Coach LaVell Edwards is able to replace the seven defensive starters he lost to graduation. He should be able to do so, but it won't be easy!

Offensively, the Cougars will strike early and often on the strength of senior quarterback Kevin Feterik's strong left arm. A year ago, Feterik (6-1, 195) completed 202 of 336 passes (60.1%) for 2,718 yards and 16 touchdowns with just six interceptions. He'll be supported at QB by sophomore Charlie Peterson (6-2, 190) and redshirt freshman Bret Engemann (6-3, 200), both of whom were impressive in spring drills.

The receiving corps returns intact and is headed by junior wideouts Margin Hooks (5-10, 190) and Ben Horton (5-11, 180), who last year caught a combined 74 passes for 1,200 yards and five touchdowns. They'll be strongly supported by sophomore Mike Rigell (5-7, 180), who hauled in 18 bombs for 331 yards and five TDs in '98, while

the tight end position will again be shared by Carlos Nuno (6-4, 260, sr.) and Tevita Ofahengaue (6-3, 250, jr.), who caught an aggregate 32 passes for 471 yards and four touchdowns last season.

Now that Ronney Jenkins has transferred to Northern Arizona, BYU's primary ball carrier will be sophomore halfback Junior Mahe (5-11, 190), who ran for 481 yards and six touchdowns last season. Hard-running junior Kalani Sitake (6-1, 250) returns at fullback, while three youngsters who'll be heard from at the RB positions are sophomore Paul Peterson (5-8, 190) and A-A frosh recruits Lucas Staley (6-1, 215) and Fahu Tah (6-0, 235).

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Jimmy Richards (6-3, 310, jr.) and guards Matt Johnson (6-4, 330, sr.) and John Skiba (6-2, 295, sr.). Junior letterman Shane Magalei (6-2, 300) will fill one of the tackle slots, while the other tackle position is being fought for by sophomore Aaron McCubbins (6-4, 290) and senior letterman Craig Schmitt (6-4, 300).

The ringleader of BYU's defense is senior middle linebacker Rob Morris (6-2, 250), who last year made a team-leading 137 tackles, including 21 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. Sophomore letterman Justin Ena (6-3, 255) will man one of the outside backer posts, while the other OLB position is being fought for by junior transfer Jeff Holtry (6-3, 240) and sophomore letterman Stan Moloni (6-2, 250).

The four-man front wall returns only one starter in senior end Byron Frisch (6-5, 270), who last year made 58 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage with five QB sacks. Junior letterman Setema Gali (6-4, 260) has won the starting job at the other flank berth, while junior monogram winners Chris Hoke (6-3, 290) and Hans Olsen (6-4, 295) are ticketed to start at the two tackle positions.

Senior cornerback Brian Gray (6-2, 205) and junior cornerback Heshimu Robertson (5-9, 185)

## 1998 BYU Final Statistics

	BYU	Opp
Points per game	29	19
1st Downs	265	182
Rush Att	540	444
Rush Yards	1882	1179
Avg Rush	3.5	2.7
Pass Comp	226	184
Pass Att	383	386
Pass Yds	3080	2375
Had Int	9	13
Off Yds per game	382	273

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Alabama	(+4 1/2)	L	31-38
12	Arizona St	(+6 1/2)	W	26-6
19	at Washington	(+9 1/2)	L	10-20
26	Murray St	(NL)	L	43-9
O. 3	at Fresno St	(-7)	L	21-31
10	UNLV	(-32)	L	38-14
17	at Hawaii	(-22)	P	31-9
24	San Jose St	(-18)	L	46-43
29	San Diego St	(-10)	W	13-0
N. 7	New Mexico	(-16 1/2)	W	46-21
14	at UTEP	(-10 1/2)	W	31-14
21	at Utah	(+2)	W	26-24
D. 5	vs Air Force	(+4)	L	13-20
31	vs Tulane	(+6 1/2)	L	27-41

will spearhead the secondary after making a combined 70 tackles and breaking up a total of 23 passes last season. Senior Tyler Nelson (6-3, 215) and junior Elan Edwards (6-0, 190) will take over at strong safety and free safety, respectively, while the top reserves in the deep zones should be lettermen Rob Warcup (5-9, 170, sr.) and Jason Anderson (6-1, 195, so.), as well as talented JUCO transfer Michael Lafitte (5-7, 170, jr.).

The return of junior placekicker Owen Pochman (6-0, 175) is a big plus for this team. A year ago, he hit on 20 of 27 field goal tries and converted 41 of 42 PAT attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With a solid

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ground game and an outstanding passing attack in their arsenal, the Cougars will burn their foes to the tune of at least 400 yards and 35 points per game this year. And they'll have to be very offensive since their defense, though still very tough, may be a bit more generous than it was a year ago when it yielded averages of 273 yards and 19 points per game. All told, BYU will finish at or near the top of the Mountain West standings this season. And you can bet your bippy on it!

## AIR FORCE

(12-1-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 19  
Returning 54  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 7  
Defense 5

The beat just keeps going on and on at Air Force as outstanding Head Coach Fisher DeBerry exhorts his charges to win and win again every year, as evidenced by the performance of the Falcons last season when they posted 12 big wins, including a 45-25 slaughter of Washington in the Jeep Oahu Bowl. So will the beat go on in Colorado Springs this year? Is our Air Force the best in the world?!!

Having a big say in how well the Falcons do in '99 will be senior quarterback Cale Bonds (6-0, 175), the successor to graduated standout Blane Morgan. Bonds did a great job as Morgan's back-up last fall as he ran and passed for 720 yards and five touchdowns. And he'll do a great job as the starting QB this season! Bonds will be strongly supported by junior Mike Theissen (6-1, 195) and sophomore Keith Boyea (5-10, 185).

Senior wideout Matt Farmer (6-0, 195) is Air

Force's number one receiving threat. A year ago, he caught a team-leading 35 passes for 650 yards and three touchdowns. He'll be supported by junior Ryan Fleming (6-4, 225), while strong-blocking senior Kenneth Chandler (6-3, 260) returns at tight end where he'll again be backstopped by junior letterman Andy Malin (6-3, 240).

The Falcons are well-stocked in their backfield where junior Qualario Brown (5-11, 185) returns to his halfback post after running for 521 yards and two TDs on 91 carries (a 5.7 avg.) last fall. He also caught 16 passes for 229 yards and four more scores. Brown will be supported by junior Chris Wade (5-8, 185), who scampered for 159 yards and one TD on only 14 totes (an 11.4 avg.!) last season, while 1998 co-regulators Scott McKay (5-8, 175, jr.) and Matt Rillos (6-0, 205, sr.) will run 1-2 at the other halfback position after rushing for a combined 406 yards and six touchdowns on a total of 64 carries (a 6.3 avg.) last year. Hard-running junior Scott Becker (5-10, 215) will take over at fullback, and he'll be supported by senior letterman Jeremiah Laster (6-0, 225).

The strength of Air Force's offense is a blocking corps that welcomes back four starters -- all-star tackle James Norman (6-3, 260, sr.), center Matt Dayoc (6-2, 250, jr.), tackle Mike Roberts (6-3, 280, sr.) and guard David Hildebrand (6-3, 295, jr.). Sophomore Terrance Barreau (6-3, 260) and senior Paul Townsend (6-3, 280) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant guard spot, while the top reserves in the O-line will be junior Luke Porisch (6-4, 280) and seniors Doug Charters (6-4, 240) and Peter Lington (6-3, 265).

Defensively, the Falcons will be very strong at linebacker where three starters are back on duty. Showing the way here is senior outside backer Travis Meidinger (6-3, 250, sr.) and inside backers Craig Thorstenson (6-2, 245, sr.) and C.J. Zanotti (6-1, 235, sr.). Meidinger made 57 tackles with five quarterback sacks last season, while Thorstenson and Zanotti ranked 1-2 on the team tackle charts as they recorded an aggregate 168 stops, including 15 for minus yardage with seven QB sacks. 1998 co-regular Corey Nelson (6-4, 225, jr.), who made 18 tackles with three sacks last year, will man the OLB post opposite Meidinger, while the leading backups in this area will be lettermen Matt Pommer (5-11, 215, jr.), Daniel Alves (6-0, 220, jr.), Jim Martello (6-4, 240, sr.) and Michael Gallagher (6-1, 235, jr.).

Up front, the three-man trench is anchored by all-star tackle Shawn Thomas (6-2, 270, sr.), who last year made 45 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage with a team-leading eight quarterback sacks. 1998 co-regulators Buck Hodgkinson (6-1, 240, sr.) and Brandon Sokora (6-3, 275, sr.) will fill the vacant nose guard and tackle slots, respectively, while the top reserves in the D-line will be lettermen John Spolsky (5-11, 235, sr.), Kyle Allen (6-4, 260, sr.) and Rob Reinebach (6-2, 255, jr.).

The secondary is the biggest area of concern for Coach DeBerry because cornerback Tony Jones (5-8, 190, sr.) is the lone returning starter here. 1998 co-regular Nishawn Smagh (5-11, 185, sr.) will man the other CB post, while senior lettermen Jason Blevins (6-4, 220) and Jeff Felton (5-11, 205) will take over at free safety and strong safety, respectively. Charlie Jackson (6-0, 205, sr.), Tony Metters (6-0, 185, jr.) and Travis Logsdon (6-3, 220, jr.) are back as key reserves in the deep zones.

The return of senior placekicker Jackson Whit-

## 1998 Air Force Final Statistics

	Air Force	Opp
Points per game	35	13
1st Downs	236	202
Rush Att	648	486
Rush Yards	3201	1362
Avg Rush	4.9	2.8
Pass Comp	85	182
Pass Att	153	327
Pass Yds	1521	2160
Had Int	6	16
Off Yds per game	394	294

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Wake Forest	(PK)	W	42-0
12	at UNLV	(-17 1/2)	W	52-10
17	Colorado St	(-2)	W	30-27
26	at TCU	(-8 1/2)	L	34-35
O. 3	New Mexico	(-16 1/2)	W	56-14
10	Navy	(-15)	W	49-7
24	at Tulsa	(-11)	W	42-21
31	SMU	(-20)	W	31-7
N. 7	at Army	(-13)	W	35-7
14	at Wyoming	(-5 1/2)	W	10-3
21	Rice	(-21 1/2)	L	22-16
D. 5	vs BYU	(-4)	W	20-13
25	vs Washington	(-3 1/2)	W	45-25

ing (5-11, 195) is a plus for this team. A year ago, he hit on 7 of 11 field goal tries and converted 53 of his 54 extra point attempts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** In their first season of competition in the new Mountain West Conference, the Falcons could easily walk away with all the marbles. Their explosive, run-oriented attack should be just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 394 yards and 35 points per game, while their defense could be just as grudging as it was last season if the rebuilt secondary plays up to the standards of its 1998 counterpart. We think it will, and we also think that Air Force will win at least eight or nine games while securing another bowl berth.

## WYOMING

(8-3-0) **LETTERMEN** Lost 18  
Returning 45  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 6  
Defense 8

The Cowboys gave a good account of themselves last season when they won eight games and just missed out on a bowl bid. And they could do even better this time around -- but only if their offense can move the pig with greater regularity than it did last year.

Trying his best to see that it does will be junior quarterback Jay Stoner (6-1, 200), who last season completed 183 of 316 passes (57.9%) for 2,373 yards and 11 touchdowns with 10 interceptions. He'll be supported at QB by sophomore letterman Matt Swanson (6-2, 190) and highly-regarded red-shirt freshman Brandon Neill (6-3, 205).

The four-man receiving corps will be headed by seniors wideouts Wendell Montgomery (6-2, 210) and Kofi Shuck (6-2, 180), who caught a combined 92 passes for 1,348 yards last year. They'll be backstopped by senior letterman Willie King (5-11, 195) and speedy redshirt freshman Brock Ralph (6-3, 190), while senior lettermen Brahm Derenoncourt (5-11, 170) and Tommy Nash (6-0, 170) will run 1-2 at the third WR position. The new tight end will be senior Sterling Kihei (6-3, 235), who snared eight passes as a key

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## 1998 Wyoming Final Statistics

	Wyoming	Opp
Points per game	20	20
1st Downs	209	213
Rush Att	419	450
Rush Yards	1385	1996
Avg Rush	3.3	4.4
Pass Comp	191	159
Pass Att	337	303
Pass Yds	2481	2038
Had Int	12	14
Off Yds per game	352	367

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	Montana St	(NL)		17-9
19	at Georgia	(+19)	W	9-16
26	Louisiana Tech	(-7 1/2)	W	31-19
O. 3	Utah	(-8)	L	27-24
10	SMU	(-9 1/2)	L	12-7
17	at UNLV	(-21)	L	28-25
24	Rice	(-7 1/2)	W	34-24
31	at TCU	(-3 1/2)	W	34-27
N. 7	at Colorado St	(+7)	W	27-19
14	Air Force	(+5 1/2)	L	3-10
21	at Tulsa	(-10 1/2)	L	0-35

reserve last fall.

Wyoming's lone running back post will be shared by senior Tim Beasley (5-11, 195) and Jon Jennings (5-8, 195), who earned their spurs as top reserves last year. Whenever the Cowboys go with a two-RB formation, hard-nosed incumbent Jared Jarnagin (6-1, 230, sr.) will line up at full-back where he'll again be supported by sophomore letterman Darth Tesinsky (6-0, 225).

Up front, the blocking corps will be rebuilt around two returning starters -- guard Dan Delcorio (6-4, 300, sr.) and tackle Chris Cichosz (6-4, 290, sr.). Redshirt freshman Rob Kellerman (6-6, 305) and senior letterman Jason Wilhelm (6-5, 300) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant guard post, while senior letterman Nate Selk (6-6, 305) will fill the tackle slot opposite Cichosz. Redshirt freshman Mike Irvin (6-3, 280) will get the starting call at center, while the top reserves in the O-line will be senior letterman Trifon Demos (6-5, 295), sophomore Pat Hutchinson (6-5, 300) and redshirt freshman Nate Reimers (6-6, 310).

Defensively, the Cowboys are very solid up front and at linebacker. Their three-man front wall is anchored by end Pat Hirsch (6-3, 250, jr.), nose guard Jeff Boyle (6-1, 295, jr.) and alternating tackles Jon Mathis (6-3, 290, sr.) and Brian Van Emmerik (6-4, 275, sr.). A year ago, they made a combined 144 tackles, including 25 for minus yardage with 10 quarterback sacks. The leading backups in the D-line will be senior lettermen Jason Dreessen (6-4, 270) and Jerel Haynes (6-1, 245), as well as redshirt freshman Anthony Stannard (6-3, 275).

The four-man linebacking corps is headed by big-play performer Patrick Chukwurah (6-2, 235, jr.), who last year made 37 tackles, including 18 for minus yardage with seven QB sacks. Also returning as starters here are juniors Kwabena Peprah (5-11, 225) and Courtney Barnes (6-2, 220), while 1998 co-regular Adrian Hill (6-2, 240, jr.) will man the fourth backer post. Lettermen Herman White (6-0, 220, so.), Matt Klotz (6-1, 210, so.) and Leo Cairns (6-1, 220, jr.) will also be in the LB rotation as co-regulars.

The secondary welcomes back two fulltime

starters in free safety Al Rich (5-11, 190, jr.) and cornerback Robbie Duncan (5-9, 185, sr.). 1998 co-regular Trent Gamble (5-10, 190, sr.) has taken over at strong safety, with junior letterman Adrian Boston (5-9, 170) ticketed to fill the vacant cornerback slot. Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones will be 1998 co-regular Matt Lehning (6-1, 195, sr.) and junior lettermen Mark Sheller (5-9, 190) and Rich Sweeney (6-2, 195), as well as heralded JUCO transfer Jean Dugas (5-10, 185, jr.).

Junior placekicker Aaron Elling (6-1, 195) is an added weapon for this team. He hit on 16 of 20 field goal tries last season.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Cowboys have a good chance to rule the roost in the new Mountain West conference this season. Their offense will be good enough to at least equal its 1998 output of 352 yards and 20 points per game, and their veteran defense will be tougher to dent than it was last season when it surrendered averages of 367 yards and 20 points per outing. All of which will add up to a winning record and a possible (if not probable!) post-season excursion.

## SAN DIEGO ST.

(7-5-0)

LETTERMEN Lost 16

Returning 37

STARTERS RETURNING Offense 9

Defense 6

Ted Tollner's Aztecs used a solid running game and a hard-nosed defense to win seven games and secure a bowl bid last season. And they'll use the same formula for success this time around. And it could pay off in a big way!

State's offense will again be guided by junior quarterback Brian Russell (6-2, 205), who last year completed 123 of 230 passes for 1,438 yards and eight touchdowns while also running for another five scores. He'll be supported by A-A JUCO transfer Jack Hawley (6-2, 215, jr.) and redshirt freshman Lon Sheriff (6-2, 205), a couple of strong-armed chuckers who are good enough to send Russell to the sidelines.

The four-man receiving corps is headed by senior wideout Damon Gourline (5-7, 170), who caught a team-leading 55 passes for 649 yards and four TDs last year. The other two wideouts will be '98 starter Lonny Mitchell (6-2, 205, sr.) and junior letterman Sean Pierce (5-8, 175), while strong-blocking senior Jim Ange (6-4, 250) is back at tight end where he'll be supported by junior letterman Gray McNeill (6-2, 255). Vying for top reserve status at WR will be sophomores Deric Martin (6-2, 195) and Thomas Howard (6-2, 210), as well as JUCO transfers Bill Hammett (6-3, 210, jr.) and Derrick Lewis (6-2, 195, jr.).

Spearheading the ground game once more will be alternating running backs Jonas Lewis (5-9, 215, sr.) and Larry Ned (5-11, 210, jr.), who ran for a combined 1,659 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Up front, a very good blocking corps welcomes back four starters -- all-star center Mike Malano (6-2, 305, sr.), tackle Greg Spillane (6-4, 310, sr.) and guards Brad Elmore (6-3, 310, sr.) and Andrew Kline (6-2, 310, sr.). Junior letterman Chris Williams (6-5, 315, jr.) is first in line to fill the vacant tackle slot, while the top reserves in the O-line will be redshirted JUCO transfer Ted Printy (6-4, 310, jr.), junior letterman Kareem Missoumi (6-2, 295) and sophomore Zach LaMonda (6-1, 290).

Defensively, the Aztecs boast a strong front

## 1998 San Diego State Final Statistics

	San Diego State	Opp
Points per game	21	20
1st Downs	192	208
Rush Att	472	431
Rush Yards	2052	1477
Avg Rush	4.3	3.4
Pass Comp	144	198
Pass Att	270	345
Pass Yds	1616	2224
Had Int	11	10
Off Yds per game	334	337

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Wisconsin	(+10)	L	14-26
12	at Southern Cal	(+19 1/2)	L	6-35
24	Arizona	(+15 1/2)	L	16-35
O. 3	at Tulsa	(+10)	W	24-14
9	Hawaii	(-22)	P	35-13
17	at New Mexico	(-5)	L	36-33
24	Utah	(+2 1/2)	W	21-20
29	at Brigham Young	(+10)	L	0-13
N. 7	Fresno St	(-1)	W	10-0
14	at San Jose St	(-5)	W	34-6
21	UTEP	(-13 1/2)	L	34-29
D. 19	vs N Carolina	(+7)	P	13-20

wall that's anchored by big-play end Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (6-4, 250, sr.), who last year made 76 tackles, including 22 for minus yardage with seven quarterback sacks. Also returning to their starting posts here are end Scottie Nicholson (6-3, 270, sr.) and nose tackle Jerome Haywood (5-9, 285, so.), while the vacant tackle position is being fought for by JUCO transfer George Heather (6-5, 295, jr.) and senior letterman Antwone Young (6-3, 275, sr.).

The linebacking corps returns only one starter in MLB Joey Mayo (6-0, 240, sr.), who made 86 tackles last fall. Banging heads for starting rights at the two outside backer posts are '98 co-regulars Scott Johnson (5-11, 220, sr.), Martin Chlumak (6-1, 240, sr.) and Michael Duran (6-2, 235, sr.), while the leading backups in this area will be junior letterman Mac Cleary (6-1, 235), redshirt freshman Rodney Allen (6-1, 230) and JUCO transfers Brian Berg (6-1, 235, jr.) and Ross Marchbanks (6-2, 230, jr.).

All-star strong safety Rico Curtis (6-0, 210, sr.) is the ringleader of a secondary that also returns starting cornerback Aazaar Rahim (5-8, 175, sr.). 1998 co-regulars Kevin Burton (6-2, 205, sr.) and Tairou Smith (5-7, 170, sr.) are duking it out for starting rights at the CB spot opposite Rahim, while the free safety position is being fought for by senior letterman Jermaine Watkins (5-10, 180), redshirt freshman Ricky Sharpe (6-1, 185) and redshirted JUCO transfer Stan Bogard (6-2, 200, jr.). Also in the deep zone mix are lettermen Sheldon Pope (5-10, 185, sr.), Matt Thorne (5-11, 190, so.) and Jomar Butler (5-11, 225, so.), as well as JUCO transfers Greg Taylor (5-9, 170, jr.) and Bishop Miller (5-10, 185, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** When the Aztecs are on the attack, they'll use a potent ground game and a very respectable aerial arm to ensure that they'll exceed their 1998 output of 334 yards and 21 points per game. And when they're on defense, they should prove to be as good (if not better!) as they were last season when they surrendered averages of 337 yards and 20 points per outing. All of which will add up to another winning record and a serious challenge for conference supremacy.

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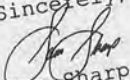
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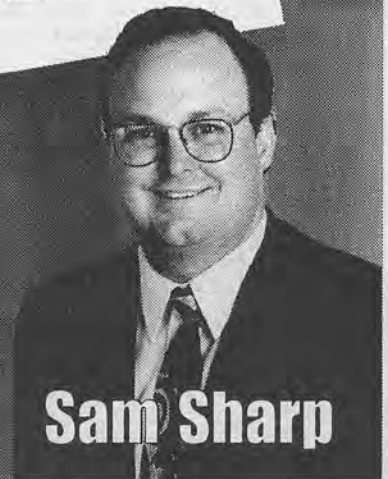
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# UTAH

(7-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	45
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	5

The Utes didn't fare quite as well as we thought they would last season because their defense let them down in key situations. This time around, Head Coach Ron McBride hopes he can strengthen his stop troops to the extent that they'll be a more productive complement to Utah's very good offense. From our vantage point, it appears to be a tall order that Coach McBride may not be able to fill.

As for Utah's multiple offense, the man who'll be the guiding light of this unit is exciting quarterback Darnell Arceneaux (6-1, 190, jr.), a game-breaking runner who's an accurate passer and a great leader. Despite missing a lot of playing time because of injuries over the last two years, Arceneaux has managed to complete 87 of 154 passes (56.5%) for 1,303 yards and nine touchdowns while also running for 406 yards and seven TDs on 97 carries (a 4.2 avg.). Supporting him will be JUCO transfer Tony Alvarez (5-11, 180, jr.) and redshirt freshman Joel Gines (6-2, 190), both of whom should see a lot of playing time this season.

The four-man receiving corps will be headed by powerful tight end Andy Kassotis (6-3, 275, sr.) and alternating slotbacks Donny Utu (6-1, 195, sr.) and Boo Bendinger (6-0, 220, sr.). They caught a total of 52 passes last season. Kassotis will again be supported by junior letterman Matt Nickel (6-6, 265), while the two WR positions are being fought for by A-A redshirt freshman Wayman Westbrooks (6-2, 195), sophomore letterman Clifford Russell (6-0, 180) and impressive JUCO transfers Dennis Smith (6-3, 215, jr.), Johnny Lundy (6-1, 190, jr.) and Stevonnie Smith (6-0, 180, jr.).

All-star performer Mike Anderson (6-2, 220, sr.) and Omar Bacon (6-1, 210, sr.) will again run 1-2 at Utah's lone RB position. They ran for a combined 1,891 yards and 21 touchdowns last fall. Up front, an excellent blocking corps welcomes back four starters -- guards Sam White (6-3, 290, jr.) and Luis Park (6-2, 305, sr.), and tackles Josh Cochran (6-5, 315, sr.) and Doug Kaufusi (6-7, 310, so.). Lettermen Steve McKane (6-1, 260, jr.) and Michael Richardson (6-3, 270, so.) are expected to run 1-2 at center, while the top reserves in the O-line will be 1998 co-regular Fisi Moleni (6-3, 305, sr.), sophomore Kevin Wilson (6-7, 315) and JUCO transfers Joe McCullum (6-5, 320, jr.) and Joe Tautuaa (6-5, 350, jr.).

Defensively, the Utes will follow the lead of big-play end John Frank (6-5, 280, sr.), who last year recorded a team-leading 10 quarterback sacks. Junior letterman Andy Bowers (6-5, 270) and redshirted JUCO transfer Ed Johnson (6-5,

## 1998 Utah Final Statistics

	Utah	Opp
Points per game	31	21
1st Downs	240	196
Rush Att	529	344
Rush Yards	2266	1071
Avg Rush	4.3	3.1
Pass Comp	171	221
Pass Att	300	434
Pass Yds	2302	2709
Had Int	14	15
Off Yds per game	415	344

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Utah St	(-9 1/2)	L	20-12
12	Louisville	(-16 1/2)	W	45-22
19	Hawaii	(-24)	L	30-21
26	Boise St	(-16 1/2)	L	28-31
O. 3	at Wyoming	(+8)	W	24-27
17	Fresno St	(-8)	P	24-16
24	at San Diego St	(-2 1/2)	L	20-21
31	at San Jose St	(-7)	W	49-17
N. 7	UTEP	(-18)	L	34-27
14	at New Mexico	(-11)	W	41-7
21	Brigham Young	(-2)	L	24-26

280, jr.) are having at it for starting rights at the other end spot, while junior lettermen Ed Taamu (6-2, 290) and Maake Kemoeatu (6-5, 290) are first in line to man the two tackle posts. The top reserve at end is senior letterman Chuck Pine (6-2, 230), while the key backups at tackle will be senior letterman Richard Seals (6-2, 310), sophomore Lauvale Sape (6-3, 295) and A-A redshirt freshman Garrett Smith (6-2, 295).

All-star outside linebacker Kautai Olevao (6-2, 240, jr.) spearheads the second line of defense. A year ago, he made a team-leading 77 tackles, including 13 for minus yardage. He'll be strongly supported by junior letterman Howard Christianson (6-2, 230), while the other OLB post will be fought for by JUCO transfer Matt Ward (6-3, 235, jr.) and redshirt freshmen Sheldon Deckart (6-2, 220) and Dylan Bird (6-3, 225). Former starter Taulia Lave (6-1, 255, sr.) and 1998 co-regular Wes Tufaga (6-0, 225, jr.) are expected to share starting duties at the middle backer position.

The secondary boasts returning starters at three positions. Senior Kimball Christianson (6-3, 210) is hunkered down at strong safety; senior Teneil Ethridge (5-10, 190) lines up at one cornerback spot; and Andre Dyson (5-10, 185, jr.) and Jay Hill (6-1, 190, sr.) will again run 1-2 at the other CB position. Lettermen Patrick Dyson (6-0, 185, jr.) and Colby Knight (5-11, 185, sr.) are the leading candidates to take over at free safety, while juniors Jason Potter (5-11, 205) and Jeff Ray (5-11, 175) are ticketed as top reserves in the deep zones.

Senior punter Chris Hunter (6-5, 230) is worthy of mention here. He averaged 41.4 yards per boot on 59 punts last year.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** There's no question that Utah's well-balanced attack will equal or exceed its 1998 output of 415 yards and 31 points per game, but if the Utes hope to win the inaugural Mountain West championship this season, they'll need a bigger contribution from their defense than they got a year ago. And we're not convinced they're gonna get it. Which is the primary reason why we believe that Utah may fall a bit short in its bid for conference supremacy.

# COLORADO ST.

(8-4-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	38
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	5
	Defense	6

Coming off an eight-win campaign, Head Coach Sonny Lubick and his Rams are hopeful they'll be able to rule the roost in the Mountain West this season. But for that to happen, Coach Lubick must successfully rebuild his linebacking corps while also shoring up an offense that lost its starting quarterback and six other key performers to graduation. And it's not gonna be an easy task to complete!

The new man under center for the Rams will be junior Matt Newton (6-3, 210), who gave a very good account of himself as a backup last season when he completed 18 of 29 passes (62.1%) for 246 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore Jon Boyer (6-2, 195) will be in reserve at quarterback, as will super redshirt freshman Steve Cutlip (6-2, 205), who threw for 8,179 yards during his prep career.

The receiving corps will be headed by sophomore wideout Dallas Davis (5-10, 170), who caught 39 passes for 523 yards and five TDs as a co-regular last year. Pete Rebstock (5-9, 180, so.) and Frank Rice (6-0, 180, jr.), who snared a total of 33 spirals for 457 yards and three scores in '98, will again share the other WR post, while senior letterman Leon Smith (6-4, 270) and JUCO transfer Cory Woolstenhulme (6-3, 250, jr.) will run 1-2 at the H-back position, and lettermen Jose Ochoa (6-3, 240, so.) and Nick Schaumburg (6-4, 265, jr.) will duke it out for starting rights at tight end.

The lone running back position will be very solid with the return of senior Kevin McDougal (6-0, 205), who has scampered for 1,658 yards and 17 touchdowns over the last two seasons. He'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman Duan Ruff (5-9, 180), who ran for 281 yards and two TDs in '98, as well as promising sophomore Jason Stout (6-0, 210), who ran for 3,387 yards as a high school senior three years ago.

## 1998 Colorado State Final Statistics

	Colorado State	Opp
Points per game	28	22
1st Downs	246	225
Rush Att	458	511
Rush Yards	1978	1917
Avg Rush	4.3	3.8
Pass Comp	225	187
Pass Att	366	329
Pass Yds	2646	2122
Had Int	12	14
Off Yds per game	385	337

## 1998 RESULTS

A. 29	at Michigan St	(+5)	W	23-16
S. 5	vs Colorado	(-3 1/2)	L	14-42
12	at Nevada	(-17)	L	26-14
17	at Air Force	(+2)	L	27-30
26	UNLV	(-36)	L	38-16
O. 3	at UTEP	(-13 1/2)	L	20-17
10	Tulsa	(-10)	W	34-7
17	at New Mexico St	(-17)	W	47-28
24	TCU	(-13 1/2)	W	42-21
31	at Rice	(-10)	L	23-35
N. 7	Wyoming	(-7)	L	19-27
14	at SMU	(-3 1/2)	W	32-10

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Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters -- center Blane Saipaia (6-3, 305, sr.), guard Justin Borvansky (6-1, 285, jr.) and tackle Tim Stuber (6-5, 335, jr.). 1998 co-starter Broderick Lancaster (6-4, 310, so.) and sophomore letterman David Shohet (6-6, 315) will fill the vacant tackle and guard slots, respectively, while depth in the O-line will come from sophomore Broc Finlayson (6-5, 295) and talented redshirt freshmen Aaron Brown (6-5, 295), Chris Gensel (6-4, 290), Jason Koontz (6-6, 295) and Morgan Pears (6-8, 305).

Defensively, the Rams are headed by all-star end Clark Haggans (6-4, 250, sr.), who has recorded 22 quarterback sacks over the last two seasons. 1998 co-regular Mike Mackenzie (6-2, 270) will man the other flank post, while the two tackle positions will again be shared by Casey Wolf (6-4, 275, jr.), Greg Pollard (6-0, 270, sr.), Jamie Bennett (6-2, 275, jr.) and Ron Cieslinski (6-4, 295, sr.). Returning as top reserves in the D-line are tackle Lucas Smith (6-4, 280, so.) and end Chad McGuckin (6-4, 250, so.).

The linebacking corps will be spearheaded by senior OLB Rick Crowell (6-3, 240), who last year made 87 tackles, including 11 for minus yardage with four QB sacks. Sophomore letterman Tony Colacion (6-2, 230) is first in line to fill the other outside backer slot, while 1998 co-regular Ula Tuitele (6-2, 240, sr.) will take over at middle linebacker. Projected as key reserves in this area are heralded redshirt freshmen Doug Heald (6-2, 225), Josh Steward (6-2, 245) and Rocky Martin (6-2, 220).

The secondary features two returning starters in cornerback Terrence Gibson (5-11, 175, jr.) and strong safety Erik Olson (6-1, 215, sr.), who made

a total of 99 tackles last season. Junior letterman John Howell (6-0, 190) and 1998 co-regular Aaron Sprague (6-2, 205, so.) will run 1-2 at the free safety post, and junior lettermen Andy Engelstad (5-10, 190) and Ameer Lowe (6-1, 185) will do the same thing at the cornerback spot opposite Gibson.

Senior punter Deone Horinek (6-3, 240) is a huge plus for this team. He was sensational last season when he averaged 44.8 yards per boot on 52 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Offensively, the Rams will attack their foes with a well-balanced strike force that should be as productive as its '98 counterpart that averaged 385 yards and 28 points per game. As for CSU's stop troops, they'll be tough against the run, but overall, they may be a tad more generous than they were last season when they yielded averages of 337 yards and 22 points per outing. We don't believe the Rams will win their conference championship this year, but we do believe they'll contend for same while finishing on the plus side of .500 again.

## NEW MEXICO

(3-9-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	44
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	8
	Defense	8

Rocky Long's first season at the Lobo helm wasn't a rewarding one because his defense was more generous than Old Saint Nick! So Coach Long raided the JUCO ranks for some real headhunters to strengthen his stop unit. Having done so, he also netted a new quarterback to pilot his

West Coast offense. And now he believes his Lobos are ready to make some waves in the new Mountain West Conference this season. And they will -- but we hope they don't drown in them!

Trying his best to make us choke on our cynicism will be junior quarterback Sean Stein (6-2, 230, jr.), one of the best chuckers in the junior college ranks last season when he completed 189 of 312 passes (60.6%) for 2,797 yards and 28 touchdowns with just 10 interceptions. Also trying to be heard from at QB will be junior letterman Eric Jaworsky (6-2, 205) and promising redshirt freshmen Justin Millea (6-0, 210) and Justin Mobley (6-2, 195).

The receiving corps is headed by talented wideouts Martinez Williams (5-11, 175, sr.) and Germany Thompson (6-3, 210, sr.), who last year caught a combined 92 passes for 1,361 yards and 12 touchdowns. They'll be supported by sophomore Kirk Robbins (5-11, 175), who snared 19 tosses for 288 yards in '98, while strong-blocking sophomore Brian Johnson (6-3, 260) returns at tight end where he'll again be backstopped by junior letterman Jonathan Burrough (6-4, 260).

Senior tailback Reginal Johnson (5-9, 180) hopes to help the Lobos field a stronger ground game this season. He has rushed for 1,168 yards an 14 touchdowns as a co-regular over the last three years. Also in the TB picture are sophomore lettermen Rishard Stafford (5-11, 205) and Halmon Wiggins (6-0, 205), as well as redshirt freshmen Quincy Wright (5-10, 185) and Donny Sevieri (6-1, 215). Powerful sophomore Jarrod Baxter (6-1, 240) and junior Kevin Leigh (6-2, 230) expect to run 1-2 at fullback once more, but they could be sent to the sidelines by Southern Cal transfer Ted Iacenda (6-0, 235, jr.), a hard-nosed

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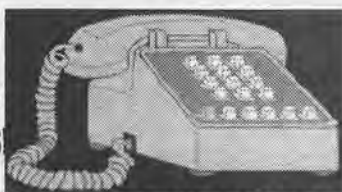
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	New Mexico	Opp
Points per game	23	33
1st Downs	228	249
Rush Att	464	479
Rush Yards	1669	2070
Avg Rush	3.6	4.3
Pass Comp	211	212
Pass Att	396	387
Pass Yds	2736	2667
Had Int	19	8
Off Yds per game	367	395

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Idaho St	(NL)	L	38-9
12	Utah St	(-11 1/2)	L	39-36
19	at New Mexico St	(-18)	L	27-28
26	at San Jose St	(-7)	L	20-37
O. 3	at Air Force	(+16 1/2)	L	14-56
10	UTEP	(-4)	L	19-22
17	San Diego St	(+5)	W	33-36
24	at Hawaii	(-6 1/2)	W	30-20
31	Fresno St	(+5 1/2)	L	20-28
N. 7	at Brigham Young	(+16 1/2)	L	21-46
14	Utah	(+11)	L	7-41
21	at C Florida	(+21 1/2)	L	6-38

runner who takes no prisoners.

The blocking corps welcomes back four starters — center Jason Carson (6-3, 300, sr.), guard Jon Samuelson (6-5, 310, jr.) and tackles Josh Brown (6-4, 295, sr.) and Chad Thacker (6-5, 300, jr.). Sophomore letterman Jared St. Aubyn (6-4, 300) should fill the vacant guard slot, while reserve support in the O-line is expected to come from A-A JUCO transfer David Hawk (6-5, 300, jr.) and lettermen Frans Dinkelmann (6-7, 290, sr.) and B.J. Long (6-5, 295, so.).

Defensively, New Mexico's three-man front wall has been fortified by the arrival of all-star JUCO transfers Stan Maakafi (6-1, 310, so.), Danny Hernandez (6-3, 280, jr.) and LaMarcus Spillers (6-3, 285, jr.), all of whom should earn starting roles here. Also in the D-line rotation will be '98 starter Jason Purvis (6-5, 260, sr.) and lettermen Travis Journagan (6-4, 260, sr.) and Henry Stephens (6-3, 270, jr.).

The three-man linebacking corps features returning starters Mike Barnett (6-3, 230, jr.), Casey Tisdale (6-4, 250, sr.) and Jeff Macrea (6-2, 260, sr.), and they'll be strongly supported by lettermen Stacy Washington (6-2, 240, sr.) and Jacob Cockrell (6-2, 220, so.), as well as heralded JUCO transfers David Mauer (6-0, 230, jr.) and Amos Wilson (6-2, 230, jr.).

Hard-hitting free safety Brian Urlacher (6-4, 245, sr.), who also lines up at outside linebacker at times, will spearhead the five-man secondary after making a team-leading 178 tackles last season. Also returning to their starting posts here are nickelback Rantie Harper (6-1, 205, jr.) and cornerbacks Marcus McDavid (5-10, 170, sr.) and Walter Bernard (6-2, 200, jr.), while the vacant strong safety berth is expected to be filled by 1998 co-regular Derrell Moten (5-11, 190, so.). Also pushing for playing time in the deep zones will be talented JUCO transfers Jaquwan Brackenridge (5-11, 195, jr.) and Dante Childress (5-10, 185, jr.), as well as 1998 lettermen Scott Gerhardt (6-0, 185, so.), Stephen Persley (5-10, 180, so.), Casey Johnson (5-11, 185, sr.) and Reginald Sampson (6-2, 195, sr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** If Stein can do the job at quarterback (and we believe he

can -- and will!), and all those JUCO defenders can live up to their prep credentials (and we believe they can -- and will!), then New Mexico can carve out at least four or five wins this fall. And while it's a prospect that isn't greatly promising, it is one that could (if not should!) mean that the Lobos will be a helluva lot tougher to beat than they were last season.

## UNLV

(0-11-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	27
	Returning	36
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	5
	Defense	7

"Jolly John" Robinson has taken over as the new head coach at UNLV. Which means that the Rebels will be playing winning football again. And real soon, too!

Coach Robinson's first priority this season is to build an offense with a helluva lot more punch than its 1998 counterpart that averaged only 255 yards and 14 points per game! Which is why the new starting quarterback figures to be highly-regarded JUCO transfer Jason Vaughan (6-4, 210, jr.), a very good leader with a big-league arm. Also in the QB picture is '98 co-regular Chris Hayward (6-4, 210, so.), who last year completed 23 of 37 passes for 300 yards and one touchdown with four interceptions.

Senior wideout Len Ware (6-1, 185) is the bellwether of the receiving corps. He caught a team-leading 39 passes for 500 yards and two TDs last season. Heralded JUCO transfer Nate Turner (6-2, 210, jr.) will start at the other wideout position, while first off the bench at WR will be 1998 four-game starter Duane James (5-9, 175, so.) and speedy redshirt freshman Troy Mason (5-10, 170). The new tight end will be Peter Tramontanas (6-6, 270, so.), who started six games at OG last fall, and he'll be backstopped by promising redshirt freshmen Brad Osterhout (6-4, 260) and DeJhown Mandley (6-4, 240).

Last year's leading rusher, junior James Wofford (6-0, 210), will move from tailback to fullback after running for 816 yards and five touchdowns in '98. He'll be supported by senior letterman B.J. Edwards (6-2, 215), while the new starting tailback will be explosive JUCO transfer Jeremi Rudolph (5-10, 180, jr.), who was at Florida State before going to junior college. Supporting Rudolph will be senior lettermen Dahrin Footman (5-8, 195) and Coury Hankins (5-9, 185), who ran for a combined 492 yards as key reserves at TB last season.

The offensive interior line will be anchored by returning starters John Greer (6-5, 300, jr.) and Robert Grundy (6-5, 320, sr.) at left tackle and right tackle, respectively. Junior letterman Danny Pacheco (6-2, 295) will take over at center, while the two guard posts will be fought for by 1998 three-game starter Brian Hart (6-5, 310, jr.), sophomore Shane Wagers (6-5, 320) and JUCO transfer Greg Hulett (6-3, 300, jr.). Toiling as top reserves in the blocking corps will be senior Glenn Pilarowski (6-4, 310) and junior Blake Livingood (6-8, 335), each of whom started five games at OG and OT last year.

Defensively, the Rebels will be led into battle by sophomore middle linebacker James Sunia (5-10, 240), who made a team-leading 115 tackles as a redshirt freshman last season. Senior Jerrad

## 1998 UNLV Final Statistics

	UNLV	Opp
Points per game	14	35
1st Downs	149	244
Rush Att	402	561
Rush Yards	1263	2573
Avg Rush	3.1	4.6
Pass Comp	133	152
Pass Att	293	261
Pass Yds	1545	2148
Had Int	14	7
Off Yds per game	255	429

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Northwestern	(+17)	L	7-41
12	Air Force	(+17 1/2)	L	10-52
19	at Wisconsin	(+38)	L	7-52
26	at Colorado St	(+36)	W	16-38
O. 3	Nevada	(+10 1/2)	L	20-31
10	at Brigham Young	(+32)	W	14-38
17	Wyoming	(+21)	W	25-28
24	at SMU	(+20)	W	7-10
31	Tulsa	(+4)	P	16-20
N. 14	at Rice	(+16)	L	16-38
21	TCU	(+7)	L	18-41

Pierucci (6-2, 230), who made 83 tackles in '98, returns to his outside backer post, with 1998 co-regular Tyler Brickell (6-4, 240, jr.) ticketed to start at the other OLB position. Former starter Bret Gilbert (6-2, 235, sr.) will also log a lot of playing time in the second line of defense, as will sophomore lettermen Steve Newton (6-3, 235) and Devon Rose (6-0, 220).

Speed before bulk will be stressed up front where senior tackle Roderick Jones (6-2, 250) is the only returning starter. Redshirt freshman Ahmad Briggs (6-3, 250) should get the starting call at the other tackle post, while 1998 co-regulars Dusty Pearce (6-2, 250, sr.) and A.C. Smith (6-1, 230, sr.) are first in line to fill the two end slots. Senior letterman Alonzo Jones (6-2, 225) and redshirt freshman Austin Allen (6-2, 235) will also be heard from at end, while strong backup support at the tackles will come from lettermen Justin Conway (6-1, 280, jr.) and Faalo Alovao (6-2, 275, so.), as well as five outstanding newcomers -- redshirt freshman Terrelle Stephens (6-2, 285), frosh recruit Kawika Sagapolu (6-4, 290) and JUCO transfers Ahmad Miller (6-4, 285, so.), Draper Redmond (6-5, 270, jr.) and Anthony Suggs (6-1, 275, jr.).

The secondary will be improved with the return of three '98 starters plus free safety Quincy Sanders (6-3, 205, sr.), a starter in '96 and '97 who was shelved by injuries last season. Randy Black (5-10, 185, jr.) returns at strong safety, while Kevin Thomas (5-11, 180, so.) and Andre Hilliard (5-8, 160, sr.) will again patrol their cornerback posts. Providing backup support in the deep zones will be experienced lettermen Amar Brisco (6-0, 180, sr.), Sam Brandon (6-3, 190, so.) and Kawika Batoon (5-10, 185, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** It won't take John Robinson long to have the Rebels challenging for conference supremacy every year, but it's not gonna happen this season. What will happen is that UNLV will be much more competitive on both sides of the ball in '99, and that's why we believe the Rebels will win at least two or three games this year.

# WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

## TCU

(7-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	40
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	8

In his first year at the TCU helm, outstanding head coach Dennis Franchione took a team that finished 1-10 in '97 and led them to seven victories in '98, including a 28-19 shocker over Southern Cal in the Sun Bowl. Can Coach Franchione and his Horned Frogs do even better this time around? Is the sun yellow?!!

Offensively, senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux (6-0, 195) is the catalyst of TCU's potent ground game. A year ago, he ran for 573 yards and five touchdowns on 177 carries (a 3.2 avg.), and he also completed 59 of 119 passes for 570 yards and one TD. Batteaux will be strongly supported by former starter Jeff Dover (6-2, 200, sr.), who threw for 428 yards last fall, and Texas A&M transfer Matt Schobel (6-5, 235, so.), an outstanding runner with a very good arm.

The four-man receiving corps is more than adequate. The three wideout positions will again be shared by Cedric James (6-3, 195, jr.), Royce Huffman (6-0, 200, sr.), Mike Scarborough (6-1, 200, sr.) and Michael Crawford (5-9, 170, jr.), who last year caught a combined 57 passes for 773 yards. 1998 three-game starter B.J. Roberts (6-3, 240, so.) will take over at tight end where he'll be

backstopped by redshirted JUCO transfer Marcus Shaw (6-3, 250, jr.).

TCU's number one ball carrier will be junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson (5-11, 210), who ran for 747 yards and eight touchdowns while sharing starting duties with the now-graduated Basil Mitchell last season. Tomlinson will be supported by junior letterman Charles Jones (5-9, 195) and redshirt freshman LaTarence Dunbar (5-10, 180), while sophomore George Layne (6-0, 245) and JUCO transfer Chad Purcell (6-0, 235, jr.) will run 1-2 at fullback whenever the Frogs line up in a two-RB formation.

Up front, the blocking corps figures to be a team strong suit with the return of four starters -- center Jeff Garner (6-5, 295, jr.), guard Jeff Millican (6-6, 310, jr.) and tackles David Bobo (6-5, 295, so.) and Michael Keathley (6-4, 300, jr.). 1998 co-regulars Victor Payne (6-1, 295, so.) and Shane Ladewig (6-3, 300, jr.) are having at it for starting rights at the guard spot opposite Millican, while the top reserves in the O-line are expected to be redshirted JUCO transfer David Michel (6-4, 305, jr.) and four heralded redshirt freshmen -- Jamal Powell (6-6, 305), Brady Barrick (6-6, 300, Josh Harbuck (6-6, 310) and J.T. Aughinbaugh (6-6, 300).

Defensively, the Horned Frogs are led into battle by All-WAC end Aaron Schobel (6-4, 255, jr.), who last year made 66 tackles, including 17 for minus yardage with eight quarterback sacks. He's strongly supported by 1998 co-regular London Dunlap (6-3, 230, sr.), while redshirted senior Doug Shanks (6-3, 260) and sophomore letterman Chad McCarty (6-2, 250) are ticketed to run 1-2 at the other flank post. The two tackle positions will again be shared by J.W. Wilson (6-3, 280, sr.), Shawn Worthen (6-1, 295, jr.) and Kyle Williams (6-4, 290, sr.), who made a combined 97 tackles with 23 for minus yardage last fall, and they'll be backstopped by lettermen Fred Wright (6-3, 280, so.) and Stuart Ashley (6-4, 285, jr.).

The two linebacking posts will be manned by returning starter Shannon Brazzell (6-0, 230, jr.) and sophomore letterman Terrance Maiden (6-1, 230), who recorded an aggregate 120 tackles in '98. The five-man secondary welcomes back four starters -- All-WAC weak safety Reggie Hunt (6-0, 210, sr.), strong safety Russell Gary (5-10, 200, jr.), free safety Curtis Fuller (5-10, 185, jr.) and cornerback Greg Walls (6-1, 175, jr.). Junior letterman Kendrick Patterson (5-11, 175) is first in line to fill the vacant cornerback slot, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be 1998 co-regular LaVar Veale (5-11, 190, jr.), redshirted JUCO transfer Bird Jones (6-1, 210, jr.) and lettermen Cody Slinkard (5-11, 210, jr.), Charlie Owens (6-0, 185, so.) and Jason Higham (5-10, 185, jr.).

The kicking game is handled by placement specialist Chris Kaylakie (6-0, 190, jr.) and punter Royce Huffman (6-0, 200, sr.). Kaylakie hit on 15 of 20 field goal tries last year, while Huffman averaged 40.8 yards per boot on 63 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** This is a very good football team that'll be keyed by its offensive line, defensive line and secondary. We look for TCU's run-oriented attack force to exceed its 1998 output of 338 yards and 22 points per game, and we look for its defense to be stingier than it was a year ago when it allowed averages of only 338 yards and 20 points per outing. And we also look for the Horned Frogs to equal or surpass their '98 win total as they challenge for WAC supremacy.

## RICE

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	42
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	7
	Defense	5

The Owls finished on the down side of .500 for the first time in three years last season because their offense was a bit off its feed due to inconsistency caused by several serious injuries. But everyone's healthy now, and Head Coach Ken Hatfield believes this team can mount a strong challenge for conference supremacy. And we share his belief!

Senior quarterback Chad Richardson (5-11, 200) returns to pilot Rice's Spread Option offense, and so does Jeremy Bates (5-10, 175, sr.), the man Richardson replaced when he (Bates) went down with a season-ending injury in the second game of the '98 campaign. A year ago, Richardson ran for a team-leading 746 yards and six touchdowns on 181 carries (a 4.1 avg.), and he also threw for 598 yards and three TDs. Talented sophomore letterman Corey Evans (5-11, 180) is also in the QB picture.

The two-man receiving corps will be headed by strong-blocking tight end Shan Jackson (6-2, 285, sr.). He'll be supported by sophomore letterman Brady Manning (6-5, 250), while the split end position will be shared by promising sophomores Gilbert Okoronkwo (6-3, 190), Evan Meeks (5-10, 180) and Matt Webber (5-10, 170).

In the backfield, halfback Anthony Griffin (5-10, 190, jr.) and alternating fullbacks Jamie Tyler (6-0, 195) and Clint Leschber (6-1, 230, sr.) are exceptional ball carriers. Last season, Griffin ran

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### 1998 TCU Final Statistics

	TCU	Opp
Points per game	22	20
1st Downs	206	194
Rush Att	603	480
Rush Yards	2944	1771
Avg Rush	4.9	3.7
Pass Comp	93	156
Pass Att	195	300
Pass Yds	1120	2290
Had Int	12	12
Off Yds per game	338	338

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Iowa St	(+4 1/2)	W	31-21
12	Oklahoma	(+5 1/2)	W	9-10
26	Air Force	(+8 1/2)	W	35-34
O. 3	Vanderbilt	(-10 1/2)	L	19-16
10	Fresno St	(PK)	W	21-10
17	at SMU	(+2 1/2)	L	6-10
24	at Colorado St	(+13 1/2)	L	21-42
31	Wyoming	(+3 1/2)	L	27-34
N. 7	Rice	(-2 1/2)	L	12-14
14	at Tulsa	(-5 1/2)	W	17-7
21	at UNLV	(-7)	W	41-18
D. 31	vs Southern Cal	(+16)	W	28-19



## 1998 Rice Final Statistics

	Rice	Opp
Points per game	21	23
1st Downs	185	217
Rush Att	634	440
Rush Yards	2829	2059
Avg Rush	4.5	4.7
Pass Comp	39	166
Pass Att	103	290
Pass Yds	667	2143
Had Int	2	7
Off Yds per game	318	382

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	SMU	(-6)	P	23-17
12	at Purdue	(+12)	W	19-21
19	Northwestern	(-5)	L	14-23
26	at Texas	(+6 1/2)	L	21-59
O. 10	at San Jose St	(-6 1/2)	L	17-20
17	Tulsa	(-3 1/2)	W	14-10
24	at Wyoming	(+7 1/2)	L	24-34
31	Colorado St	(+10)	W	35-23
N. 7	at TCU	(+2 1/2)	W	14-12
14	UNLV	(-16)	W	38-16
21	at Air Force	(+21 1/2)	W	16-22

for 447 yards and one score on only 68 carries (a 6.6 avg.), Tyler ran for 614 yards and eight touchdowns on 146 totes (a 4.2 avg.), and Leschber rushed for 222 yards and four TDs on 62 carries (a 3.6 avg.). Sophomore letterman Leroy Bradley (5-11, 195) and redshirt freshman Vincent Hawkins (5-8, 180) are expected to run 1-2 at the halfback post opposite Griffin.

Up front, the blocking corps welcomes back three starters in guard Neal Gray (6-3, 285, sr.) and tackles Rod Beavan (6-2, 290, jr.) and Aaron Sandoval (6-2, 290, jr.). Senior letterman Matt Baldwin (6-2, 280) will take over at center, while sophomore monogram winner Heath Fowler (6-3, 290) will fill the vacant guard slot. The top reserves in the O-line will be sophomores Billy Harvin (6-4, 260) and Chris Bryant (6-5, 305), along with redshirt freshmen Keith Meyer (6-3, 295) and Clint Crisp (6-4, 290).

Defensively, the four-man front wall is in need of repair since tackle Judd Smith (6-1, 285, sr.) is the only starter returning here. During spring drills, sophomore letterman B.J. Ferguson (6-3, 285) took over at nose guard, while junior letterman Jake Jackson (6-3, 250) and big-play redshirt freshman Nick Sabula (6-3, 250) won the starting end jobs. Returning as primary backups in the D-line are impressive sophomore lettermen Clint Johnson (6-2, 230), Willie Merritt (6-4, 275) and Larry Brown (6-2, 290, so.).

The linebacking corps also needed to be rebuilt, and the work was successfully completed during

spring drills. Sophomore Dan Dawson (6-1, 200) and senior Larry Ruffin (5-11, 210) will again run 1-2 at the outside backer post, while the new starters at the two inside backer berths will be hard-nosed lettermen Wesley Kubesch (6-1, 230, sr.) and Rashard Pittman (5-11, 225, so.). Toiling as key reserves in this area will be junior LonDee Smith (6-2, 200), a starter at free safety last year, and fellow lettermen Joe Bob Thompson (6-1, 220, so.), Jarrett Erwin (6-2, 230, jr.) and Michael Lecclier (6-2, 235, jr.).

The two fulltime starters returning in the secondary are strong safety Travis Ortega (6-3, 205, jr.) and cornerback Adrian Sadler (5-10, 180, jr.). Junior letterman Josh McMillan (6-0, 175) will man the CB post opposite Sadler, while 1998 co-regulars Jason Hebert (6-0, 185, so.) and Karlon Bedford (5-10, 190, sr.) will share the free safety position. Providing backup support in the deep zones will be lettermen Kenny Smith (5-8, 170, so.) and Adam Williams (5-9, 180, jr.), as well as speedy redshirt freshmen Antwan Shell (5-11, 185) and Greg Gatlin (6-0, 175).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** On the strength of an outstanding ground game, Rice's offense will move the ball with greater efficiency than it did last season when it averaged 318 yards and 21 points per game. As for Rice's defense, if those new people up front can get the job done, this unit will be a little saltier than it was a year ago when it yielded averages of 382 yards and 23 points per outing. We expect the Owls to hoot and holler about their exploits this season since, like Coach Hatfield, we believe they'll be one of the teams to beat in the WAC sweepstakes.

## FRESNO STATE

(5-6-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	49
	STARTERS RETURNING	6
	Offense	6
	Defense	6

With 12 starters returning from a hard-nosed squad that closed the '98 season with four victories in its last five games, Head Coach Pat Hill is confident he can build on that momentum as he prepares his charges for the '99 campaign. And we believe his confidence is well-founded!

FSU's most important returnee on offense is senior quarterback Billy Volek (6-2, 205), who gave a very good account of himself last season when he completed 151 of 261 passes (57.9%) for 1,973 yards and 10 touchdowns with just three interceptions. He also ran for four scores. Volek will again be supported by junior David Carr (6-3, 225), who threw for 228 yards and one TD in '98.

The receiving corps is headed by sophomore wideout Charles Smith (5-9, 185), who caught a team-leading 42 passes for 621 yards and three touchdowns last year. Back to share the other WR post are Rodney Wright (5-9, 175, so.), Atnaf Harris (6-0, 175, jr.) and Saleem Mahdi (6-1, 180, jr.), who snared a combined 33 passes for 501 yards and six TDs in '98, while senior Vince Branstetter (6-3, 260) will take over at tight end after catching eight passes as a top reserve last fall.

With leading rusher Jaime Kimbrough having graduated, the tailback position will be shared by Paris Gaines (6-1, 210, jr.), Carl Holmes (6-1, 210, sr.) and Joe Turner (5-10, 195, sr.), who ran for an aggregate 397 yards as leading backups last year. Hard-running junior Akka Moses (5-11, 235) returns at fullback where he'll again be supported by '98 co-regular Jeromy Blackwell (6-0, 225, sr.).

## 1998 Fresno State Final Statistics

	Fresno State	Opp
Points per game	24	21
1st Downs	181	217
Rush Att	418	485
Rush Yards	1691	1751
Avg Rush	4.0	3.6
Pass Comp	175	178
Pass Att	305	326
Pass Yds	2238	2162
Had Int	4	12
Off Yds per game	357	356

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 12	at Colorado	(+21 1/2)	W	21-29
19	at Texas Tech	(+13 1/2)	W	28-34
26	Nevada	(-16)	L	24-27
O. 3	Brigham Young	(+7)	W	31-21
10	at TCU	(PK)	L	10-21
17	at Utah	(+8)	P	16-24
24	UTEP	(-10 1/2)	W	32-6
31	at New Mexico	(-5 1/2)	W	28-20
N. 7	at San Diego St	(+1)	L	0-10
14	Hawaii	(-28)	W	51-12
21	San Jose St	(-14)	L	24-21

Up front, the blocking charge will be led by center Chad Ede (6-2, 285, sr.) and tackle Rob Gattrell (6-5, 310, sr.). Redshirt freshman Joe Schey (6-6, 305) is ticketed to man the other tackle post, while the two guard slots will be filled by lettermen Mike Stovall (6-2, 285, so.) and Ahmad Bhatti (6-4, 310, sr.). The top reserves in the O-line will be lettermen Johnny Potasi (6-2, 300, so.), Russ Harding (6-3, 290, jr.), Jessie Watson (6-2, 280, so.) and Donnell Burch (6-5, 300, so.), as well as redshirt freshmen Rodney Michael (6-4, 295) and Keith McKnight (6-4, 320).

The strength of State's defense is at linebacker where MLB Tim Skipper (5-7, 210, jr.) holds forth after making a team-leading 108 tackles with 17 for minus yardage last season. Junior Justin Johnson (6-3, 230) is a rock at one outside backer spot, while the other OLB position will again be shared by Kevin Adams (6-3, 240, sr.) and Tyrell Grayson (6-1, 225, jr.). Lettermen Jeremy Luginbill (6-2, 220, sr.) and Rasheed Saafir (6-0, 210, jr.) are back as top reserves in this area.

The four-man front wall will be anchored by returning starter Frank Battle (6-5, 280, jr.) and 1998 co-regular Alan Harper (6-2, 285, jr.) at end and tackle, respectively. Junior lettermen Giachino Chiaramonte (6-1, 240) and Thabiti Lockhart (6-3, 290) will man the vacant end and nose guard posts, respectively, while strong backup support in the D-line will come from lettermen Jake Probst (6-2, 245, jr.), Kevin Jordan (6-5, 280, jr.), Brock Torresdal (6-6, 280, so.) and Seandale Jackson (6-2, 265, sr.).

The secondary welcomes back two starters in cornerbacks Payton Williams (5-8, 180, sr.) and Dante Marsh (5-10, 195, jr.), who intercepted a combined five passes last year. 1998 co-regular Vernon Fox (5-10, 195, so.) and junior letterman

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Anthony Limbrick (6-1, 195) will take over at strong safety and free safety, respectively, while the top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen **Tierre Sams** (5-9, 175, jr.), **Carlos Mack** (5-9, 175, so.) and **Lawrence Deck** (5-10, 190, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Bulldogs will be one of the top teams in the WAC this season. Their offense will be well-balanced and just as productive as it was a year ago when it averaged 357 yards and 24 points per game, and their defense could (if not should!) be a bit stingier than it was last season when it yielded averages of 356 yards and 21 points per outing. As far as we're concerned, the Dogs will scale the .500 barrier this year. And they could do it in impressive fashion!

## TULSA

(4-7-0) **LETTERMEN Lost** 17  
**Returning** 44  
**STARTERS RETURNING** Offense 6  
Defense 7

As we predicted last year, Head Coach Dave Rader's Golden Hurricane was much-improved in '98 primarily because of a defense that was a heluva lot better than its very generous '97 counterpart. And that improvement will carry over into this season as Tulsa seems on the verge of challenging for WAC supremacy.

Offensively, it all starts at quarterback, and Tulsa will start the '99 campaign with junior **Michael Wall** (6-4, 205) under center. Wall started two games and played in five others last season as he completed 62 of 112 passes (55.4%) for 711 yards and four touchdowns. He'll be supported by gifted runner **Robert Stephenson** (6-2, 220, so.)

and A-A frosh recruit **Josh Blankenship** (6-2, 200), who hit on 174 of 269 passes (64.6%) for 3,119 yards and 40 touchdowns with just two interceptions as a high school senior last year.

The four-man receiving corps welcomes back two starters in senior wideouts **Damon Savage** (5-11, 185) and **Jerrold Smith** (5-11, 190, sr.). Savage caught 42 passes for 488 yards and five touchdowns last fall, while Smith snared 33 spirals for 383 yards and three TDs. Sophomore letterman **Willie Ponder** (6-0, 195) will fill the third WR slot, while senior letterman **Pete Muther** (6-2, 260) and converted defensive end **Keith Carey** (6-1, 250, jr.) are duking it out for starting rights at tight end. The top reserves at the wideout positions will be lettermen **Corey Brown** (6-1, 190, jr.), **Donald Moten** (5-11, 185, so.) and **Andrew LeCrone** (6-3, 200, sr.).

The lone RB position will feature returning regular **John Mosley** (5-9, 200, sr.) and bruising runners **Kevin Isham** (6-1, 230, jr.) and **Ken Bohanon** (6-1, 245, so.), who ran for a combined 647 yards and eight touchdowns last fall. Up front, the blocking corps is anchored by juniors **Steve Schiller** (6-5, 295) and **Steve Wiedower** (6-3, 290) at center and guard, respectively. The other guard post will again be shared by **Aaron Haddock** (6-4, 305, so.) and **Anthony Ratica** (6-5, 290, sr.), while the vacant tackle slots will be filled by lettermen **Don Douglass** (6-4, 280, sr.) and **Kevin Shaffer** (6-5, 285, so.). Projected as leading backups in the O-line are 1998 co-regular **Bobby Weeks** (6-6, 325, sr.) and heralded redshirt freshmen **Jake Stoetznier** (6-5, 310) and **Jason Daniluk** (6-5, 315).

Tulsa's strength on defense is at linebacker and in the secondary. Spearheading the second line of

### 1998 Tulsa Final Statistics

	Tulsa	Opp
Points per game	20	24
1st Downs	231	193
Rush Att	453	481
Rush Yards	1858	2082
Avg Rush	4.1	4.3
Pass Comp	206	139
Pass Att	367	268
Pass Yds	2333	1732
Had Int	15	13
Off Yds per game	381	347

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	SW Missouri St (NL)		49-14
12	Oklahoma St (+9)	W	35-20
26	at W Virginia (+13 1/2)	L	21-44
O. 3	San Diego St (-10)	L	14-24
10	at Colorado St (+10)	L	7-24
17	at Rice (+3 1/2)	L	10-14
24	Air Force (+11)	L	21-42
31	at UNLV (-4)	P	20-16
N. 7	at SMU (+9)	L	3-33
14	TCU (+5 1/2)	L	7-17
21	Wyoming (+10 1/2)	W	35-0

defense is outside backer **Ashon Farley** (5-11, 225, jr.), who made a team-leading 71 tackles and picked off two enemy passes last fall. He'll be backstopped by highly-regarded redshirt freshman **Brad Hawkins** (6-3, 235), while **Ryan Cook** (6-3, 225, so.) and **Philip Abode** (6-1, 215, jr.) are back to run 1-2 at the other OLB spot after making a combined 106 tackles in '98. Senior **Jeremy McClure** (6-2, 235) and junior **Clay Johnson** (6-0,

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230), who recorded a total of 103 stops last year, will again share starting duties at the middle backer position.

All-star cornerback Todd Franz (6-1, 190, sr.) is the ringleader of the secondary. He intercepted two passes and broke up a team-leading 13 enemy aeriels last season. Former starter Sedrick Lusk (5-11, 180, jr.) will man the other CB post, while the two safety positions will again be shared by alternating starters Chris Miller (5-9, 185, jr.), Harold Burgess (5-11, 190, so.), Taquan Gullett (5-10, 190, sr.) and Spencer Braggs (5-7, 195, sr.). Also in the deep zone mix are redshirted JUCO transfer Gavin Engle (6-1, 190, jr.) and promising redshirt freshmen Brett Butler (6-0, 185) and Keithan McCorry (5-11, 180).

The four-man front wall is a bit of a question mark since junior end Chris Odom (6-4, 250) is the only returning starter here. Getting first shot at filling the opposite flank berth are Mike Jones (6-0, 240, sr.) and Justin Dixon (6-1, 230, so.), while two other lettermen, Andy Taylor (6-1, 275, sr.) and Jake Lyon (6-4, 285, jr.), are first in line to man the two tackle positions. Also vying for playing time at DT are JUCO transfers Jeff Hewitt (6-2, 275, jr.) and Phil Franks (6-8, 295, jr.), while others in the DE picture are redshirted JUCO transfer Damond Robinson (6-2, 250, jr.) and redshirt freshman Mark Mallory (6-6, 260).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The offensive line and the defensive line. Those are the only areas of concern for this team as it prepares for the upcoming campaign. If all the answers relating to those units are of a positive nature, Tulsa could very well be in a position to post its first winning record since 1991. We think it will be since we expect the Golden Hurricane to field a productive, well-balanced attack, as well as a defense that will be as grudging as it was a year ago when it surrendered respectable averages of 347 yards and 24 points per game. All of which should add up to at least six victories for Tulsa this season.

## SMU

(5-7-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	36
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	8
	Defense	5

After closing the '98 campaign with victories in five of their last eight games, the Mustangs are hopeful they can build on that momentum as they prepare for the start of the '99 season. In order for that to happen, however, Head Coach Mike Cavan must strengthen his offense and successfully rebuild a hard-nosed defense that lost several big-play people to graduation. Which may be too tall an order for Coach Cavan to fill.

Sophomore quarterback Josh McCown (6-3, 205) hopes to author a more productive passing attack this season. As a co-regular with the now-departed Chris Sanders last year, McCown completed 46 of 99 passes for 619 yards and seven touchdowns with eight interceptions. He'll be supported by redshirted JUCO transfer Steve O'Neill (5-11, 220, jr.), Texas Tech transfer

### 1998 SMU Final Statistics

	SMU	Opp
Points per game	19	21
1st Downs	186	180
Rush Att	500	481
Rush Yards	1987	1651
Avg Rush	4.0	3.4
Pass Comp	145	162
Pass Att	280	319
Pass Yds	1669	1915
Had Int	15	14
Off Yds per game	305	297

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at Rice	(+6)	P	17-23
12 Tulane	(+7)	L	21-31
19 at Arkansas	(+9 1/2)	L	17-44
26 Mississippi	(+5 1/2)	L	41-48
O. 3 at Hawaii	(-7 1/2)	W	28-0
10 at Wyoming	(+9 1/2)	W	7-12
17 TCU	(-2 1/2)	W	10-6
24 UNLV	(-20)	L	10-7
31 at Air Force	(+20)	L	7-31
N. 7 Tulsa	(-9)	W	33-3
14 Colorado St.	(+3 1/2)	L	10-32
21 at Navy	(-4)	W	24-11

Shannon Bennett (6-1, 175, so.) and super frosh recruit Kelan Luker (6-1, 200).

Senior wideout Damond Blueitt (6-3, 205) will head the receiving corps after making 37 catches for 491 yards and three touchdowns last fall. Junior letterman Tony Newsome (6-2, 210), who caught 14 passes in '98, will start at the other wide receiver position, while sophomore Michael Brown (6-1, 250) is back at tight end where he'll be supported by fellow sophomore letterman Jeff Henderson (6-4, 265).

Senior tailback Rodnick Phillips (6-0, 210) spearheads the running game. He ran for a team-leading 1,115 yards and nine touchdowns while sharing time at TB with the graduated Kelsey Adams last season. Supporting Phillips will be letterman Brendon McGraw (6-0, 210, sr.) and A-A frosh recruit Kris Briggs (5-11, 210), while strong-blocking senior Jeff Pennington (6-1, 245) returns at fullback where he'll be supported by juniors Jeff Woods (5-8, 205) and Jason Pettit (5-11, 245).

Up front, a very good blocking corps welcomes back four senior starters — guards Austin Adami (6-3, 310) and Bill Holder (6-7, 325), and tackles Trey Bandy (6-5, 310) and Jerry Chavira (6-5, 310). Junior lettermen Rich Nichols (6-3, 275) and Will McKinney (6-6, 270) are expected to run 1-2 at center, while others pushing for playing time in the O-line are 1998 co-regular James McCarthy (6-3, 285, so.), redshirt freshman Judson Davis (6-5, 295) and junior lettermen Jeff Erxleben (6-5, 310) and Aaron Ladd (6-4, 290).

Defensively, the Mustangs will again be led into battle by senior middle linebacker Jason Simonton (5-11, 230), who made a team-leading 131 tackles last season. The two starters at the outside backer positions will be 1998 co-regular Kevin Aldridge (6-1, 260, so.) and '98 starter Vic Vilorio (5-10, 230, so.), who made a combined 92 tackles last fall. The top reserve in this area is sophomore letterman Corey Riley (6-1, 240), who can play inside or outside.

The four-man front wall will be rebuilt around incumbent tackle Alex Pahulu (6-0, 285, jr.) and end Luke Johnson (6-1, 235, sr.), an all-star performer in '97 who was hampered by injuries last

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season. 1998 co-regular Chase Schavrdra (6-2, 265, jr.) will start at the tackle post opposite Pahulu, while sophomore lettermen Markus Pratt (6-0, 255) and Johnson Patman (6-2, 250) are having at it for starting rights at the vacant end position. Also in the D-line mix are redshirt freshman Lute Croy (6-2, 295) and sophomore lettermen Jerry Evans (6-1, 280), Joey Slaten (6-6, 310) and Eric Peterson (6-4, 250).

The bellwether of the secondary is senior cornerback Tracy Hart (5-11, 195), who intercepted a team-leading five passes last season. Also returning to his starting post here is free safety Raymon Brown (6-2, 195, sr.), who picked off two passes in '98, while sophomore letterman Tommy Dorsey (5-9, 190) and speedy redshirt freshman Kevin Garrett (5-9, 185) will fill the vacant strong safety and cornerback slots, respectively. Junior letterman Courtney Richardson (5-9, 175) and senior letterman Tim Gardner (5-11, 190) are back as top reserves in the deep zones.

Junior Colin Vadheim (6-1, 180) returns to handle punting chores. He handled them very well last year when he averaged 42.1 yards per boot on 77 punts.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The SMU offense won't set any records this season, but it will be more productive than it was a year ago when it averaged 305 yards and 19 points per game. As for the Mustang defense, everybody's gonna earn everything they get from it, but this unit could be a shade weaker than it was last season when it allowed averages of 297 yards and 21 points per outing. The Ponies don't figure to race past the .500 marker this year, but they should equal their 1998 win total.

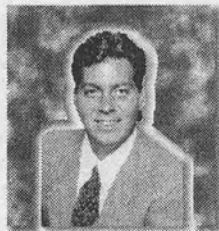
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(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	18
	Returning	43
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	6
	Defense	7

The Miners finished on the down side of .500 again last season, but just as we predicted they'd be, they were very competitive in every game. And Head Coach Charlie Bailey thinks his charges can do even better this time around. And we think he's right!

The man who'll try to lead the Miners to the promised land is junior quarterback Rocky Perez (6-1, 200), who earned his spurs as a key reserve last season when he ran and passed for 649 yards and two touchdowns. Supporting Perez will be senior letterman Jason Stuckey (6-2, 185), who was the No. 3 QB in '98.

The receiving corps is headed by All-WAC tight end Brian Natkin (6-4, 245, jr.), who last year caught 34 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns. He'll again be backstopped by senior letterman Clifford Johnston (6-4, 230), who snared nine tosses in '98, while the two wideout posts will be manned by 1998 co-regular Lee Mays (6-4, 195, so.) and junior letterman Allan Ray (6-2, 200), who caught a combined 30 passes for 334 yards and three scores last season.

Senior halfback Paul Smith (5-11, 240) will spearhead the ground game after running for 660 yards last fall. He'll be supported by senior letterman Javier Sanchez (5-11, 190), while 1998 co-regular Elzie Johnson (6-0, 210, jr.), who ran for 232 yards last year, figures to take over at fullback where he'll be backstopped by sophomore letterman Joey Knapp (6-4, 215).

Up front, the blocking corps should stack up as a team strength with the return of four starters -- center Carey Clayton (6-4, 290, so.), guard Jeff Seaton (6-5, 315, jr.) and tackles Brent Hunt (6-6, 295, sr.) and Jonathon Ruiz (6-3, 290, sr.). Sophomore letterman Lawrence Norman (6-2, 305) is first in line to fill the vacant guard slot, while the leading backups in the O-line will be senior lettermen Mike Pry (6-4, 300) and Brad

Davis (6-3, 280), as well as promising sophomore Keith Warren (6-5, 295).

Defensively, the Miners will be led into battle by big-play ends Brian Young (6-4, 280, jr.) and Leif Larsen (6-5, 310, sr.), who last year made a combined 177 tackles, including 14 for minus yardage with six quarterback sacks. They'll be supported by lettermen Derrion Yates (6-7, 250, jr.), Menson Holloway (6-2, 270, sr.) and John Crutcher (6-3, 250, sr.), while sophomore monogram winner Bobby King (6-3, 270) and redshirt freshman Mike Hanna (6-3, 285) are ticketed to run 1-2 at nose tackle.

The four-man linebacking corps is headed by hard-hitting senior Robert Weathers (5-10, 225), who made 71 tackles and three sacks last season. Also returning to their starting posts here are Trey Merkins (6-2, 235, jr.) and Hal Stansbury (6-2, 240, sr.), with sophomore letterman Barry King (6-2, 240) the leading candidate to man the fourth backer berth. Providing backup support in this area will be 1998 co-regular Eric Wells (6-1, 235, sr.), senior letterman Chris Wade (6-1, 220) and redshirt freshman Bubba Wiseman (6-0, 250).

The ringleaders of the secondary are returning starters A.J. Sheppard (5-10, 185, jr.) and Eric Gibson (5-11, 185, so.) at strong safety and free safety, respectively. Lettermen Crance Clemons (5-9, 170, so.) and Nick Salinas (5-11, 185, sr.) are expected to fill the two cornerback slots, while others pushing for playing time in the deep zones are JUCO transfer Anthony Wadley (6-0, 185, jr.) and lettermen Derek Walker (6-2, 190, jr.), Chris Taylor (6-0, 170, jr.) and Brian Walker (5-9, 170, so.).

Junior Ricky Bishop (5-9, 170) is back to handle placekicking chores. He hit on 15 of 20 field goal tries last season.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this is a well-coached football team that always comes to play. And since we passed all of our math courses in school, we can say with absolute certainty that the Miners will use another productive offense and an improved defense to win at least three or four games this season. But we do believe they're gonna fall a bit short in their quest for a winning record.

## SAN JOSE STATE

(4-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	22
	Returning	37
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	4
	Defense	6

With 12 starters having walked the graduation plank, Head Coach Dave Baldwin raided the JUCO ranks in an attempt to plug all the holes in his '99 squad. And he seems to have succeeded in that regard since the Spartans looked pretty good during spring practice.

Senior quarterback Chris Kastler (6-2, 200) looked exceptionally good in the spring game as he completed 17 of 23 passes for 263 yards and two touchdowns. A year ago, he hit on 115 of 221 passes for 1,505 yards and 12 touchdowns with seven interceptions. In reserve at QB is sophomore Marcus Arroyo (6-1, 190), who threw for 364 yards and one TD last fall.

The three wide receiver posts will be shared by '98 co-regulars Eric Ruhle (5-10, 180, sr.), Casey LeBlanc (5-10, 190, so.), Shawn Green (6-2, 195, jr.), Walking Bailey (5-9, 180, jr.) and Donte Scarbrough (6-5-8, 180, sr.), who caught a combined 79 passes for 1,157 yards and five scores

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last season. Also in the WR picture is all-star JUCO transfer Kenny Nears (6-0, 175, jr.), while junior letterman Sean Brewer (6-4, 260) will take over at tight end where he'll be supported by red-shirted JUCO transfer Jesse Rogers (6-3, 250, jr.).

The lone running back spot is occupied by junior Deonce Whitaker (5-6, 180), who rushed for a team-leading 719 yards and seven touchdowns last year. He'll be backstopped by JUCO transfers Stanley Joyner (5-11, 210, jr.) and Darian Morton (5-7, 175, jr.), while four other impressive JUCO transfers -- Jeremy Dominguez (6-4, 340, jr.), Roger Neadeau (6-3, 270, jr.), Erik Van Gaalen (6-4, 275, jr.) and Ryan Wadkowski (6-5, 310, jr.) -- will compete for starting jobs in a blocking corps that lost all five starters to graduation. The leading returnees in the hunt for starting status in the O-line are '98 lettermen Oscar Comeaux (6-4, 290, jr.), Bruno Contreras (6-2, 295, so.), Jose Gomez (6-2, 320, so.) and Chris Fee-sago (6-3, 325, so.).

Three more JUCO transfers with all-star credentials -- Greg Brinson (6-2, 290, jr.), Johnnie Warren (6-5, 290, jr.) and Bryan Yeager (6-2, 295, jr.) -- will make their presence felt in a four-man defensive line that'll be anchored by senior end Samson Sherrod (6-4, 260), who last year made 64 tackles, including 15 for minus yardage with seven quarterback sacks. Junior Edgar Nava (6-2, 275) is first in line to start at nose guard, while the two tackle positions will be shared by '98 incumbents Abdul Noah (6-2, 280, sr.), John Hammer (6-5, 280, jr.), Steve Kappahn (6-2, 290, sr.) and James Ditch (6-4, 270, sr.), as well as senior Marty Peterson (6-3, 285, sr.), a co-regular in '97 who sat out last season.

The three linebacking posts will be shared by 1998 starters Jeff Wucinich (6-2, 250, sr.), Josh

## 1998 San Jose State Final Statistics

	San Jose State	Opp
Points per game	23	32
1st Downs	205	274
Rush Att	421	606
Rush Yards	1585	3110
Avg Rush	3.8	5.1
Pass Comp	191	152
Pass Att	360	293
Pass Yds	2435	2055
Had Int	11	13
Off Yds per game	335	430

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 6 at Stanford	(+15 1/2)	W	35-23
12 Idaho	(-9 1/2)	L	12-17
19 at Oregon	(+24)	L	3-58
26 New Mexico	(+7)	W	37-20
O. 3 at Virginia	(+28)	L	14-52
10 Rice	(+6 1/2)	W	20-17
17 at UTEP	(+5 1/2)	L	21-28
24 at Brigham Young	(+18)	W	43-46
31 Utah	(+7)	L	17-49
N. 7 at Hawaii	(-7 1/2)	W	45-17
14 San Diego St	(+5)	L	6-34
21 at Fresno St	(+14)	W	21-24

## 1998 UTEP Final Statistics

	UTEP	Opp
Points per game	21	28
1st Downs	215	222
Rush Att	444	479
Rush Yards	1837	2569
Avg Rush	4.1	5.4
Pass Comp	187	160
Pass Att	356	284
Pass Yds	2275	2315
Had Int	10	11
Off Yds per game	374	444

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5 at Texas Tech	(+17 1/2)	L	3-35
12 Oregon	(+21)	W	26-33
26 at New Mexico St	(-7)	L	24-33
O. 3 Colorado St	(+13 1/2)	W	17-20
10 at New Mexico	(+4)	W	22-19
17 San Jose St	(-5 1/2)	W	28-21
24 at Fresno St	(+10 1/2)	L	6-32
31 Hawaii	(-15 1/2)	W	30-13
N. 7 at Utah	(+18)	W	27-34
14 Brigham Young	(+10 1/2)	L	14-31
21 at San Diego St	(+13 1/2)	W	29-34

Parry (6-2, 240, jr.), Alfonso Moran (6-0, 235, jr.), Ron-Jon Acuna (6-4, 230, sr.) and Amedeo Viola (5-11, 245, sr.). A year ago, they recorded an aggregate 317 tackles, including 16 for minus yardage. Challenging the five incumbents for the three starting jobs will be promising sophomore Luke LaHerran (6-0, 225) and heralded JUCO transfers Marshall Blount (6-1, 220, jr.), Otis Neal (6-1, 240, jr.), Ron Ockimey (6-1, 220, jr.) and Chris Tandy (6-3, 235, jr.).

The secondary will be rebuilt from scratch, with the four new starters being lettermen Chris Lawson (5-10, 185, sr.) and Anwar Johnson (5-9, 185, so.), and redshirt freshmen Zack Rance (5-11, 195) and Carlos Koustas (5-9, 185). Toiling as top reserves in the deep zones will be lettermen Travis Seaton (5-10, 185, jr.), Maurice Love (5-9, 180, sr.) and Kariem McFarlin (5-10, 180, sr.), as well as redshirted JUCO transfer Dorae Lewis (5-8, 170, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** If their new offensive line is up to the mark, the Spartans will be capable of annexing more real estate and scoring more points than they did a year ago when they averaged a very respectable 335 yards and 23 points per game. As for State's defense, this unit will definitely be tougher to run on than it was last season, but it could also be a bit more generous than its 1998 counterpart. All of which means that, in spite of being an improved football team this season, the Spartans will again finish on the down side of .500.

## HAWAII

(10-12-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	20
	Returning	44
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	8
	Defense	8

It's a whole new ball game for the Rainbow Warriors as ex-San Diego Chargers coach June Jones takes over the Hawaii program. Jones, who played for Hawaii in the 1970s, has emphasized local recruiting and that's created excitement among Rainbow Warriors football fans!

Jones will have eight holdover regulars on his attack unit, including quarterback Dan Robinson (6-4, 215, sr.), but Coach Jones insists the QB situation is wide open. Robinson nailed 163 of 354 passing tries a year ago for 2,155 yards and 11 TDs against 12 interceptions. He'll be pressed by letterman Josh Skinner (6-1, 195, sr.) and Shawn Withy-Allen (6-4, 200), a redshirt freshman.

### 1998 Hawaii Final Statistics

	Hawaii	Opp
Points per game	12	35
1st Downs	185	243
Rush Att	432	480
Rush Yards	1313	2269
Avg Rush	3.0	4.7
Pass Comp	169	189
Pass Att	383	314
Pass Yds	2211	2484
Had Int	15	3
Off Yds per game	294	396

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 3	Arizona	(+17 1/2)	L	6-27
19	at Utah	(+24)	W	21-30
26	Arkansas St	(-11)	L	0-20
O. 3	SMU	(+7 1/2)	L	0-28
9	at San Diego St	(+22)	P	13-35
17	Brigham Young	(+22)	P	9-31
24	New Mexico	(+6 1/2)	L	20-30
31	at UTEP	(+15 1/2)	L	13-30
N. 7	San Jose St	(+7 1/2)	L	17-45
14	at Fresno St	(+28)	L	12-51
21	Northwestern	(+16 1/2)	L	21-47
28	Michigan	(+38 1/2)	W	17-48

Senior Dwight Carter (5-10, 175) is the most experienced wide receiver back in uniform. Last year, Carter pulled down 40 throws for 567 yards and three scores. Junior Davey deLaura (5-9, 180) will be a factor at WR after snaring 11 throws for 130 yards last season, as will Craig Stutzmann (5-11, 190, so.), who made six grabs.

The Hawaii ground game took an unexpected shot following spring drills when tailback Charles Tharp (5-9, 200, jr.), who led the team with 679 yards and two touchdowns last season, dropped out of school. That'll leave lettermen Avion Weaver (5-10, 220, jr.), Bronson Liana (6-1, 200, so.), Robert Grant (6-0, 180, so.) and Jauron Pigg (5-10, 175, sr.) as the most experienced ball carriers available. Weaver was second to Tharp last season with 162 yards gained on the ground.

The Warriors welcome back a seasoned blocking corps, including six performers who started at times last fall -- seniors Adrian Klemm (6-5, 325), Kaulana Noa (6-5, 320), Dustin Owen (6-2, 320) and Andy Phillips (6-5, 320), along with sophomores Chris Smith (6-2, 275) and Brian Smith (6-0, 285). Letterman Kynan Forney (6-4, 285, sr.) will also see time in the O-line.

Hawaii needs to stiffen a defense that yielded

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more than 396 yards and 35 points a game a year ago, and with eight holdover regulars available, Coach Jones has high hopes the stoppers will do just that. Anchoring the defensive line again will be tackle Tony Tuioti (6-1, 290, sr.), who had 66 tackles last fall. Senior Matt Elam (6-2, 270) returns at the other DT spot, with soph Chuck Thompson (6-2, 255) the incumbent at one flank. Lettermen battling to win game time in the trench include Joe Correia (6-2, 260, jr.), Miles Garner (6-2, 330, jr.), Chris Garnier (6-0, 215, jr.), Mike Iosua (6-3, 280, so.) and Olen Rosehill (6-2, 280, jr.).

Coach Jones has a host of experienced line-backers to work with, including holdover starters Jeff Ulbrich (6-2, 245, sr.) and Matt Paul (6-3, 245, sr.). Paul finished second on last year's tackle charts with 100 stops. Other lettermen available to man posts in the second line of defense are Joaquin Avila (6-2, 220, jr.), Bo Espinoza (6-1, 200, so.), Bobby Morgan (6-1, 225, so.), Yaphet Warren (6-1, 205, sr.), Lonnie Williams (6-0, 205, so.), Matt Wright (6-1, 225, so.) and Derek Zoller (5-11, 250, so.).

Three regulars return to the Warriors' deep defense, but overall depth in the secondary is a major concern. Last year's top tackler, Anthony Smith (6-2, 210, jr.) holds over at a deep post, with Quincy LeJay (5-0, 185, jr.) and Nate Jackson (5-10, 155, so.) also back on duty. Smith rang up 103 tackles in '98, while LeJay had 51 hits and led the Warriors with two pass interceptions. Daniel Ho-Ching (5-11, 190, sr.) and Chris Riccardi (5-8, 195, so.) are the only other lettermen available for duty in the Warriors' secondary.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** June Jones, who got off to a late start as Hawaii head coach, has nonetheless made an impression on Rainbow Warriors faithful with his enthusiastic recruiting and outlook. And his imaginative offensive schemes are sure to make things exciting! Don't expect Hawaii to challenge the WAC's big boys just yet, but we'll be surprised if June Jones doesn't author at least a couple of wins for the Rainbow Warriors this fall!

# BIG WEST CONFERENCE

## NEVADA

(6-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	16
	Returning	42
STARTERS RETURNING	Offense	10
	Defense	7

The Wolf Pack posted a winning mark in '98, but that wasn't nearly enough for a team that's used to snagging at least a share of the conference crown. That "poor" showing has motivated Coach Jeff Tisdell and his 17 returning regulars to make amends this time around -- and someone is gonna pay!

Despite starting the season with an inexperienced offensive line, their star running back side-

lined with injuries and no quarterback, the Wolf Pack went on to rank fifth in the nation in total offense, flying to 507 yards and 33.7 points per game. Returning to direct the O-show is soph QB David Neill (6-5, 200), who took over the starter's job in the season's second game and went on to throw for 3,249 yards and 29 touchdowns against just nine interceptions. He completed 57.8% of his passing tries, not bad for a true freshman, breaking school and conference records for a frosh by connecting for 611 yards up top versus New Mexico State.

Neill's primary target this fall will be flanker Trevor Insley (6-1, 195), who's on track to break the school's all-time receiving record and could surpass Wyoming's Marcus Harris as the NCAA's

career leader in that category. Insley pulled down 69 throws for 1,220 yards and 11 TDs last season, and he needs 1,305 in receiving yardage to be the school's career leader. Stationed at the other two wide receiver slots will be junior David Burr (5-10, 170) and senior Cle Brooks (5-10, 175), with backup in this area coming from sophs Mo Jones (6-1, 185) and T.W. Cunningham (5-11, 170). Burr had 27 catches for 450 yards and four TDs a year ago. Two-time All-Big West choice Darin Higgins (6-4, 225, sr.) holds over at tight end where he had 34 receptions for 517 yards and five touchdowns a year ago.

The Nevada ground game is in excellent shape with the healthy return of senior Chris Lemon (5-11, 200), who piled up 1,154 yards and 13 touch-



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### 1998 Nevada Final Statistics

	Nevada	Opp
Points per game	34	29
1st Downs	287	211
Rush Att	411	447
Rush Yards	1585	2094
Avg Rush	3.9	4.7
Pass Comp	265	172
Pass Att	458	353
Pass Yds	3992	2267
Had Int	18	14
Off Yds per game	507	397

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Oregon St	(+7 1/2)	L	6-48
12	Colorado St	(+17)	W	14-26
26	at Fresno St	(+16)	W	27-24
O. 3	at UNLV	(+10 1/2)	W	31-20
10	New Mexico St	(NL)		45-48
17	at N Texas	(NL)		21-27
24	at Idaho	(NL)		58-23
31	Boise St	(NL)		52-24
N. 7	at Utah St	(NL)		26-21
14	Cal Poly	(NL)		63-0
21	S Mississippi	(+10)	L	28-55

downs last season along with 15 catches for one more score. Lemon's rushed for an average of 103 yards per game over the past two years and scored 32 TDs on the ground. He'll be supported by junior Adrien Dugas (5-10, 190) and redshirt freshman Johnnie Holmes (5-9, 170).

The Wolf Pack returns an all-senior forward wall with Ryan Scuffy (6-2, 285) at center, Cameron Norcross (6-0, 270) and Eric Harper (6-3, 285) at the guard slots, plus the tackle tandem of Jeff Batrez (6-4, 290) and Greg Bird (6-4, 290). Seniors Eric Johnson (6-2, 255) and Greg Cukrov (6-4, 280) are key O-line backups.

The Wolf Pack defense showed progress a year ago, increasing their sack total to 37 from 15 the previous year, and ranking 20th in the nation in passing defense. Along the forward wall, a trio of regulars are back for '99 action -- tackles Rick Cross (6-5, 290, sr.) and Clark Roosendaal (6-6, 300, jr.) plus end Horacio Leyva (6-4, 250, so.). Senior Cedric Pittman (6-4, 260) appears to have won starting rights at the other DE slot, while soph Jacob Silicz (6-5, 240) and senior Jim Farley (6-1, 275) are making very strong bids for first string status at DE and DT, respectively.

Two of last fall's top tacklers will be the cornerstones of the linebacking crew -- senior Jason Burk (6-1, 235) and junior Arona Taele (6-2, 220). Burk was number one on the Wolf Pack hit list last season with 101 stops while Taele was third with 72 tackles. Burk also led the team with 12 tackles for losses with three QB sacks. Battling to fill the vacancy at middle linebacker are senior veteran Dan Rockwell (6-4, 230), soph Jeff Peterson (6-1, 220) and junior Sean Balkman (6-0, 230).

Senior free safety Maxzell Williams (5-11, 185) is the leader of the Nevada secondary, last year making 70 tackles with four sacks and pacing the

team with four pass interceptions. Senior three-year letterman Greg Oliver (5-10, 200) appears to have won starting rights at strong safety, with junior Mack Carminer (5-11, 210) returning at one cornerback post. Junior Del Bates (5-11, 170), the Wolf Pack's fastest player, is penciled in as the new starter at the other CB position. Carminer and Bates each posted two INT a year ago, with Carminer returning one of his picks for a Pack TD. A trio of lettermen -- senior Charles Rogers (5-11, 185) and juniors Brian Lauder milk (6-1, 170) and Christian Broussard (6-0, 195) -- are pushing hard for starting posts in the deep zones.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Nevada was 66-20 over the first seven years of the 1990s, so the last two years' combined 11-11 record doesn't sit too well with the Wolf Pack. Look for Nevada to make a big move this year toward a Big West title as Coach Jeff Tisdell's talented and experienced crew gets their pound of flesh for last fall's "poor" showing.

## IDAHO

(9-3-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	10
	Returning	50
	STARTERS RETURNING	10
	Offense	10
	Defense	8

The Vandals emerged as the class of the Big West last year, celebrating their league championship by whipping Southern Miss in the Humanitarian Bowl. And the reason Coach Chris Tormey is still smiling is 'cause he's got 18 holdover starters from that championship team that's looking to repeat in '99!

Idaho is talented and deep at quarterback where soph John Welsh (6-2, 205) is the number one guy with strong support coming from senior Greg Robertson (6-2, 220) and junior Ed Dean (6-2, 205). Last fall, all three started on occasion, but Welsh will be the regular when this year kicks off. Welsh connected on 98 of 182 throws last year for 1,387 yards and 11 TDs, with Robertson and Dean contributing another 1,347 yards and 11 TDs up top.

All of Idaho's top receivers from a year ago return for action, led by Ryan Prestimonico (5-9, 180, sr.), who pulled down 42 aerials for 668 yards and six scores. Ethan Jones (6-1, 190, so.) made 20 catches for 438 yards and three TDs, while Willie Alderson (6-0, 180, jr.) reeled in 31 passes for 419 yards and one TD. Junior Jeff Townsley (6-2, 190) started on occasion and recorded 31 receptions for 462 yards and six touchdowns, while soph Chris Lacy (6-0, 170) made 21 catches for 253 yards as a top WR backup. Soph Mike Roberg (6-4, 260) returns at tight end where he's an excellent blocker and showed good hands with 13 catches, two for Vandal TDs.

Idaho's major loss on the attack side is at running back where the school's all-time ground gaining leader, Joel Thomas, departs after running for 1,229 yards and 16 TDs in '98. Lettermen Michael Moody (5-10, 200, sr.) and Anthony Tenner (5-9, 185, jr.) will attempt to fill Thomas' role in Idaho's one-back setup, last fall rushing for a combined 313 yards.

All of last year's starters return to the Vandals' blocking crew, and this unit is definitely a team strong suit. Junior Jeremy Wallace (6-3, 250) is back over the ball at center, Patrick Venzke (6-6, 305, jr.) and Rick DeMulling (6-5, 275, jr.) are the incumbents at tackle and Anthony Fuentes (6-4, 280, so.), Bob Horbaczewski (6-2, 260, jr.) and Cleve Aiono (6-2, 285, sr.) will again share duties

### 1998 Idaho Final Statistics

	Idaho	Opp
Points per game	32	26
1st Downs	240	212
Rush Att	431	441
Rush Yards	2032	1515
Avg Rush	4.7	3.4
Pass Comp	196	165
Pass Att	376	344
Pass Yds	2879	2789
Had Int	19	8
Off Yds per game	447	391

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	E Washington	(NL)		31-14
12	at San Jose St	(+9 1/2)	W	17-12
19	at Washington St	(+16 1/2)	W	16-24
26	at Louisiana St	(+34 1/2)	W	20-53
O. 3	Idaho St	(NL)		52-3
10	at Arkansas St	(NL)		52-14
17	at Utah St	(NL)		26-14
24	Nevada	(NL)		23-58
31	at N Texas	(NL)		41-23
N. 14	New Mexico St	(NL)		36-32
21	at Boise St	(NL)		36-35
D. 30	S Mississippi	(+17)	W	42-35

at the guard posts. Aiono missed spring drills recuperating from off-season knee surgery.

On the stop side, the forward wall welcomes back tackles Wil Beck (6-2, 300, so.) and Mao Tosi (6-6, 280, sr.), with Ryan Knowles (6-3, 260, so.) returning at one terminal post. The combatants to fill the vacancy at the other end include lettermen Charles Kinney (6-2, 240, so.) and Matt Kramer (6-4, 235, sr.), with veterans Dennis Taeatafa (6-3, 240, so.), Jake Wimer (6-4, 245, jr.) and Drew Owen (6-7, 320, so.) along with JUCO transfer Bryan Brooks (6-1, 285, jr.) all looking for combat assignments in the Idaho trench.

The leaders in the linebacker crew will be Chris Nofoaiga (5-10, 210, jr.) and Matt Jasik (5-11, 215, sr.), who hold over at the outside backer berths, with ex-DE James Durrough (6-0, 230, sr.) being looked at to fill the vacancy in the middle.

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Nofoaiga is an all-star candidate who led the Vandals in sacks (11) and tackles for losses (12) a year ago. '98 reserves Casey Kuchenbuch (6-0, 205, so.), Casey Hills 6-3, 220, jr.), Jason Martin (6-3, 200, so.), Jason Daniel (6-0, 205, jr.) and Rick Giampietri (5-10, 180, jr.) add quality depth to the second line of defense.

Coach Tormey will move Bryson Gardner (6-0, 200, sr.) from free safety to strong safety this season, with Brad Rice (6-1, 185, so.), Jordan Kramer (6-0, 185, RSF) and Ed Rankin (6-1, 185, RSF) battling to fill the FS post. Dennis Gibbs (5-10, 175, jr.) returns as the starter at one corner, with Andrew Uto-Uko (6-0, 175, sr.) and Ighe Evero (5-11, 175, so.) the primary combatants to fill the other CB slot. Uto-Uko and Evero both had starting assignments at CB a year ago.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** The Vandals will undoubtedly miss their all-time rushing leader Joel Thomas, but Coach Tormey has more than enough talent on this veteran squad to lead his alma mater to another Big West title. Idaho's attack will be well-balanced and prolific again, and although he loses some performers in each of his defensive units, Coach Tormey's projected replacements will get the job done on the stop side. One of the teams to beat in the Big West this season? The Vandals of Idaho!

## BOISE STATE

(6-5-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	36
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 5
		Defense 9

There's a sense of stability at Boise State as the Broncos enter the '99 campaign with the same football coach as a year ago, Dirk Koetter. The Broncos have endured four head coaches in four years, but Koetter led BSU to its first winning record as a Division I-A member in '99.

Coach Koetter's got some work cut out for him on his attack unit, as just five starters return from last year's gang that pounded out 422.6 yards and 29.9 points per game. Fortunately, the holdovers include junior quarterback Bart Hendricks (6-0, 200), who earned All-Big West honorable mention as he hit on 54% of his passes for 1,799 yards and 13 TDs with just six INTs. He also rushed for 221 yards and two scores. Hendricks will again be supported by senior Bryan Harsin (6-0, 205).

A new crop of receivers will make their BSU debut in '99 as the Broncos' lose their top seven pass catchers from a year ago. Top '98 reserves Billy Wingfield (5-9, 180, so.) and Mike Davisson (6-0, 185, sr.) have apparently earned the starting posts at WR, with senior Dave Strachelski (6-3, 250) taking over at tight end. Alcorn State transfer Brian O'Neal (6-0, 185, so.) and redshirt frosh Jay Swillie (6-3, 200) will also see plenty of time at wideout, with senior Nate Colbert (6-2, 235) backing up Strachelski at TE. Soph Jeb Putzier (6-4, 240) and junior Jeff Udvarhelyi (6-2, 235) are battling for the starting nod at H-back. Putzier had 10 receptions a year ago, two for Bronco TDs.

There'll be new faces at running back as well, but Coach Koetter expects Davy Malaythong (5-10, 190, jr.) and Gavin Reed (5-11, 205, sr.) to pick up the pace at tailback after redshirting a year ago. Both Malaythong and Reed saw time at TB in '97 with Reed leading the Broncos in rushing that year with 459 yards. Both have excellent speed. Junior Aristotle Thompson (5-8, 195) moves from

safety to the attack side and should get some carries at TB. Junior Shay Swan (5-11, 210) and redshirt frosh Josh Galeai (6-0, 240) are duking it out for the number one role at fullback.

The Broncos front line should be a team strength, particularly if All-Big West tackle Keith Dilworth (6-5, 315, sr.) is ready to go when the whistle blows. Dilworth, a legitimate NFL prospect, is rehabbing his surgically repaired knee and missed spring drills. Seniors Willie Van Gorder (6-4, 320) and Jeremy Mankins (6-5, 325) are back at the two guard slots, with classmate Ryan Groneman (6-1, 305) again over the ball at center. Soph Derek Olley (6-5, 295) will take over the left tackle vacancy. Seniors Joey Horvat (6-2, 275) and Greg Klum (6-3, 300) head the O-line backup crew, and both have starting experience.

Like its offensive counterpart, the Bronco defensive front wall should be a strong suit, led by holdover DEs Andy Bennett (6-2, 255, sr.) and Mike Maloy (6-3, 235, sr.) plus DT Jon Rydman (6-2, 275, sr.). Junior Bradley Phillips (6-3, 290) will take over at the other defensive tackle slot. Bennett and Maloy combined for eight QB sacks and eight stops for minus yardage a year ago, while Rydman had 11 hits behind enemy lines with two sacks. JUCO transfer Markus Purkiss (6-3, 240, so.) will get a good look at DE, with redshirt freshmen Bobby Hammer (6-2, 270) and Tony Altieri (5-11, 275) both expected to get opportunities to play at DT.

Both regulars from a year ago return to handle the linebacking posts in Boise's 4-2-5 defensive set -- Bryan Johnson (6-1, 230, sr.) and Shawn Sandoval (6-1, 220, jr.) -- with redshirt freshmen Ben Warren (6-0, 220) and Ruben Asumendi (6-0, 215) backing them up this fall. Johnson led last year's Broncos in tackles with 76 and earned second team league honors in '98, while Sandoval contributed 59 stops and returned his one pass interception for a BSU touchdown.

There's but one vacancy to fill in the Bronco five-man secondary, and that's at strong safety where junior Ryan Brinkley (5-11, 200) is expected to get the starting nod. The other two safety slots are filled by incumbents Ross Farris (5-10, 295, sr.) and Marcel Yates (6-0, 200, sr.), with

junior Dempsey Dees (5-10, 175) and senior Damien Schilling (5-0, 175) holding over at the corners. Dees was an All-Big West pick a year ago as he led the league in interceptions with five pick-offs. Schilling led the Broncos with 14 deflected passes and had one INT. Farris recorded 66 tackles and Yates made 58 stops.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Dirk Koetter is known for his high-powered offenses, so rebuilding the BSU attack should be right up his alley. Putting some points on the board is the key to Boise State's success this fall, since the veteran defense appears to be a bit tougher than its predecessor. We like Boise's chances at putting a second straight winning record into the books this season!

## NEW MEXICO ST.

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	52
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 7
		Defense 9

Mark down the '98 season as an "almost" for the Aggies! The campaign featured a month-long stretch where NMSU won three of four outings, while on the down side, the Aggies managed to lose four games in which they were tied or leading with less than two minutes to play!

The Aggies did a respectable job offensively a year ago, averaging 462.1 yards and 33.1 points per game, and Coach Tony Samuel will again call on quarterback Ty Houghtaling (6-2, 205, sr.) to run the O-show. Houghtaling passed for 1,820 yards and 20 TDs last season while suffering a dozen INTs. He also rushed for 313 yards and one score. He's back for his third year as the Aggie

### 1998 Boise St Final Statistics

	Boise State	Opp
Points per game	30	32
1st Downs	256	215
Rush Att	463	406
Rush Yards	1938	1388
Avg Rush	4.2	3.4
Pass Comp	211	200
Pass Att	406	398
Pass Yds	2711	2969
Had Int	11	8
Off Yds per game	423	396

### 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Northridge St	(NL)	26-13
12	Washington St	(+11 1/2)	L 21-33
19	Portland St	(NL)	42-24
26	at Utah	(+16 1/2)	W 31-28
O. 3	at Louisiana Tech	(NL)	28-63
10	N Texas	(NL)	13-21
17	Weber St	(NL)	24-13
24	Utah St	(NL)	30-16
31	at Nevada	(NL)	24-52
N. 7	at New Mexico St	(NL)	55-51
21	Idaho	(NL)	35-36

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## 1998 New Mexico St Final Statistics

	New Mexico St	Opp
Points per game	30	39
1st Downs	281	245
Rush Att	579	422
Rush Yards	2790	1918
Avg Rush	4.8	4.5
Pass Comp	159	191
Pass Att	330	369
Pass Yds	2294	3204
Had Int	16	10
Off Yds per game	462	466

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Texas	(+37)	W	36-66
12	at Georgia Tech	(+34)	L	7-42
19	New Mexico	(+18)	W	28-27
26	UTEP	(+7)	W	33-24
O. 3	at Arkansas St	(NL)		31-34
10	at Nevada	(NL)		48-45
17	Colorado St	(+17)	W	28-47
31	Utah St	(NL)		26-29
N. 7	Boise St	(NL)		51-55
14	at Idaho	(NL)		32-36
21	at N Texas	(NL)		11-19

starter and will again be backstopped by soph K.C. Enzminger (6-1, 205), an excellent runner and adequate passer.

Houghtaling's primary receiver again this year will be All-Big West split end Ryan Shaw (6-3, 180, sr.), who grabbed 43 throws for 672 yards and set a school record for TD catches with 13 last season. All-league candidate Robert Garth (6-3, 210, sr.), who had 32 catches and two scores, also returns, along with senior A.T. Holloway (5-7, 175), who had a dozen receptions. At tight end, either Dustin Guinn (6-6, 220, sr.) or Chad Martin (6-5, 275, sr.) are due to start although both missed spring drills due to injuries.

There's a major league hole to be filled in the Aggie backfield where NMSU career rushing leader Dennis Manns has graduated and there's little in the way of experience to replace him. Best bet to open at tailback is soph Kenton Keith (5-11, 190), who saw limited action last year but did lead the team in kickoff returns with a 19.8 yard average. Senior Mike Wakefield (5-7, 165), who's seen most of his action at wide receiver, and junior LaRon Lewis (6-0, 210), a former linebacker, will also get a shot at winning the I-back job. Ex-QB Corey Lucas (6-1, 220, sr.) is first in line to fill the vacancy at fullback.

Four-fifths of last year's blocking crew is back in harness for '99 -- center Matt Hancock (6-0, 285, jr.), guard George Hudson (6-4, 315, sr.) and tackles Mick Rodemeyer (6-4, 310, jr.) and Jason Berger (6-3, 290, sr.). Hancock, Berger and Hudson earned some All-Big West recognition a year ago. Most likely to fill the vacancy at the guard slot opposite Hudson is soph Tony Wragge (6-3, 295). Juniors Eric Rivas (6-1, 275) and Ryan Herbon (6-1, 240) will press for playing time up front.

Tightening up an overly generous defense that allowed '98 opponents 465.7 yards and 42.4 points a game is a priority for Coach Samuel, and he's got nine returning starters on the D-side to get that job done. Starting up front again will be all four regulars from a year ago -- rush ends Mike Boganowski (6-3, 230, jr.) and Lyn Perryman (6-1, 240, jr.), plus down linemen Tim Engelhardt (6-2, 280, sr.) and Tye Fraembs (6-2, 265, sr.).

Engelhardt is a two-time All-Big West selection, with help up front coming from veterans Sean Powell (6-0, 290, sr.), Oliver Soukup (6-2, 260, jr.) and junior Jacob Caldwell (6-5, 275).

Holdover starters D'Wayne Taylor (6-0, 195, so.) and Mike Cunningham (6-3, 230, sr.) anchor the second line of defense, last year totalling 133 tackles from their LB posts. Senior Raul Anaya (6-1, 205) is the leading candidate to fill the other backer berth, but soph Jamar Lawrence (6-2, 210) and Arizona transfer Brad Glover (6-0, 235, jr.) are also very much in that picture. So, too, is former regular Waylon Water (6-0, 230, sr.), who is coming back from a knee injury that limited him to seven games a year ago.

There's a trio of returning regulars in the NMSU secondary -- cornerbacks Melvin McClendon (5-6, 165, sr.) and Jason Willis (5-9, 165, jr.), plus safety Marsey Hawley (5-8, 175, jr.). Willis had three pass pickoffs a year ago. Junior Donald Malloy (5-9, 180), a former walk-on who played cornerback last season, has taken over the other safety slot, with senior Demetric Norwood (5-10, 150) and soph Tony Lukins (5-10, 180) also challenging for game time in the deep defense.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** With a solid corps of returning regulars, Coach Samuel hopes to turn a good effort into a few more "W's" this season. The biggest need for improvement is on the defensive side where the Aggies were generous to a fault a year ago. If the stoppers prove they can stop a few more foes this season, NMSU could flirt with a winning record! And we think they will!

## UTAH STATE

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	15
	Returning	41
	STARTERS RETURNING	8
	Offense	8
	Defense	7

Offensive inconsistency cost the Aggies last year, and Dave Arslanian's first season as a head coach was less than memorable. Three of Utah State's losses were by a total of just 12 points, and with 15 holdover starters in uniform for '99, the Aggies are anxious to prove '98 was a fluke.

The Aggies managed just 318.2 yards per game a year ago, but they're expecting bigger and better things from soph quarterback Jeff Crosbie (6-5, 195), who started five games and threw for 1,111 yards and eight TDs against four INTs a year ago. He'll be pushed for playing time by redshirt freshman Jesse Fuentes (6-2, 185) and Steve Mullins (6-4, 215).

Speedster Aaron Jones (6-0, 190, jr.) heads the veterans in the receiving crew, last year snagging 22 tosses for 344 yards and four scores. Senior letterman Adrian Pierson (6-1, 195) had three starts in '98 and will fill one WR vacancy, with soph Artavis Thompson (6-2, 205) due to start at the third pass receiving post. Also expected to see significant game time at WR are redshirt frosh Adam Colbert (6-1, 195), JUCO import Ky Oday (6-1, 190) and Wisconsin transfer Chris Downs (6-2, 195, sr.). Senior Bucky Orton (6-4, 240), who had 21 catches and one score in '98, is the incumbent at tight end where he'll be backstopped by classmate Dan Connolly (6-5, 230).

Utah State looks to be in solid shape at running back, with Demario Brown (6-1, 215, sr.), John Roberts (5-10, 200, so.) and Emmett White (5-11, 200, so.) available to operate out of the one-back setup. Brown, an All-Big West candidate, led last

## 1998 Utah State Final Statistics

	Utah State	Opp
Points per game	22	28
1st Downs	188	186
Rush Att	415	445
Rush Yards	1130	1357
Avg Rush	2.7	3.0
Pass Comp	182	172
Pass Att	396	342
Pass Yds	2370	2162
Had Int	12	6
Off Yds per game	318	320

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	Utah	(+9 1/2)	W	12-20
12	at New Mexico	(+11 1/2)	W	36-39
19	at Colorado	(+23 1/2)	W	6-25
26	Sam Houston St	(NL)		47-17
O. 3	Oregon St	(+4)	P	16-20
10	at Washington	(+22)	L	12-53
17	Idaho	(NL)		14-26
24	at Boise St	(NL)		16-30
31	at New Mexico St	(NL)		29-26
N. 7	Nevada	(NL)		21-26
14	N Texas	(NL)		28-27

year's Aggies with 846 yards gained and five TDs in just nine games, also pulling down 21 throws for 206 yards. Roberts ran for 313 yards and one TD.

All-star candidates Ben Holbrook (6-6, 300, sr.) at tackle and guard Mike Lindsay (6-2, 315, sr.) along with center Junior Pututau (6-2, 290, jr.) are holdover regulars in the Aggies blocking contingent. Lettermen Matt Lance (6-4, 285, sr.) and Jess Schuck (6-2, 305, so.) are penciled in as the new regulars at tackle and guard, respectively, with backup help up front coming from Brian Shaffer (6-0, 280, sr.), Matt Jenkins (6-3, 285, jr.), Steve Canidate (6-4, 330, jr.), Jeff Long (6-9, 310, so.) and Jimmy Walker (6-3, 290, jr.).

USU led the Big West in rushing defense (123.4 yards per game) and total defense (319.9 yards per game) for the second consecutive season last year, and with seven holdover starters, the stop squad again shapes up as tough to penetrate. Along the defensive front, tackle Vaea Fiefa (6-0, 255, sr.) and end Caleb Smith (6-4, 270, jr.) will lead the charge, with letter winners Lance Sopoaga (6-1, 255, sr.) and Doug Madoski (6-2, 275, sr.) expected to be the new starters at DE and DT, respectively. Fiefa and Smith combined for 112 tackles last fall, including 18 behind enemy lines with six QB sacks. Depth in the D-line will come from veterans Ryan Duncan (6-2, 255, so.) and Nate Larsen (6-3, 270, jr.).

The Aggies' big loss at linebacker is Tony D'Amato, who set a school record with 170 tackles in '98. Letterman Tony Newston (6-1, 235, jr.) will move from OLB to middle backer to fill D'Amato's old spot, with junior Blake Eagal (6-2, 230) back on the weak side and junior Brent Passey (6-1, 235) again posted on the strong side. Passey was second on the tackle chart last fall.

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with 107 stops, while Eagal recorded 72 hits. Leading backups in this area include junior Cade Smith (6-3, 235), senior Josh Manning (6-2, 205) and redshirt freshman Ryan Solomona (6-0, 230).

The secondary should be a strong suit with Vashon Garmon (6-1, 200, sr.) and Tony Walker (5-11, 185, so.) proven performers at the corners and senior Donald Dicko (5-11, 200) back at free safety. Last fall, Dicko had 84 tackles, including eight for minus yardage with two sacks, while Walker had a pair of pass pickoffs. Soph letterman Aminifu Johnson (5-8, 190) will take over the strong safety job, with relief help back deep coming from lettermen Greg White (5-10, 190, sr.), Demario Franklin (6-0, 175, so.) and Gwange Pittman (5-8, 170, so.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Utah State is a veteran team for '99, but the seven starters lost to graduation were All-Big West performers, so it's a real question if Coach Dave Arslanian can find quality replacements for all of them. The Aggies' defense will be the strength of this team and it'll need a great effort if Utah State is to hold its own against a schedule that includes seven teams that had winning records in '98. A plus .500 finish isn't out of the question for the Aggies this season, but it'll be very hard to come by!

## NORTH TEXAS

(3-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	14
	Returning	37
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 5
		Defense 8

The Mean Green's first foray into Division I-A competition resulted in just three victories last year, but those three triumphs were all in Big West games as UNT posted a second place conference finish. And in order to get a "line" on even more league success, Coach Darrell Dickey knows he must rebuild his offensive and defensive fronts prior to the '99 kickoff.

On the attack side, UNT loses four senior starters from its O-line, the lone returnee being two-year regular Vince Patterson (6-6, 305, sr.) at left tackle. Sure to claim starting rights in the revamped front are junior lettermen David Morgan (6-3, 285) at center and guard Andrew Lott (6-2, 310), with incoming JUCO transfers Josh Kay (6-2, 285, jr.), Marlon Lee (6-2, 265, jr.) and Ryan Loneran (6-3, 290, jr.) battling for starting rights at the open OG and OT posts.

There's also some holes to be filled in the backfield, where tailback Ja'Quay Wilburn (5-10, 185, jr.) is the only holdover regular. Wilburn could be the top running back returning in the Big West, last year ripping for 754 yards and three TDs at 5.9 yards per trip. He'll be backed up by redshirt freshman Michael Hickmon (5-10, 200), with

## 1998 North Texas Final Statistics

	North Texas	Opp
Points per game	16	27
1st Downs	146	247
Rush Att	447	493
Rush Yards	1558	2369
Avg Rush	3.5	4.8
Pass Comp	99	188
Pass Att	228	312
Pass Yds	1286	2217
Had Int	6	11
Off Yds per game	259	417

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Oklahoma	(+18)	L	9-37
12	Texas Tech	(+22)	L	0-30
19	at Arizona St	(+37)	W	15-34
26	at Texas A&M	(+34 1/2)	W	9-28
O. 10	at Boise St	(NL)		21-13
17	Nevada	(NL)		27-21
24	Houston	(+7)	L	9-31
31	Idaho	(NL)		23-41
N. 7	at Kansas	(+15 1/2)	W	13-24
14	at Utah St	(NL)		27-28
21	New Mexico St	(NL)		19-11

walk-on Dustin Dean (5-10, 200, so.) penciled in as the new starter at fullback.

With two of last year's starting quarterbacks out of the picture, the competition for the signal caller's job features Chase Corley (6-3, 210, sr.) and Richard Bridges (6-3, 190, so.), both of whom saw limited action in '98, along with redshirt freshman Spencer Stack (6-2, 190) and Azusa Pacific transfer Bryan Lucas (6-7, 230, jr.). The other two of last fall's four regulars at QB, Jason Attaway (6-1, 195, sr.) and LaDarrin McLane (6-2, 200, jr.), are out of the race as Attaway is recuperating from knee surgery and McLane has been shifted to receiver.

McLane has a good shot at winning a starting receiver post, in which case he'll be paired with holdover WR Broderick McGrew (6-3, 205, sr.), an All-Big West choice last season as he led the nation in kickoff returns (32.6 yards per runback) and had 26 catches for 393 yards and one TD. Senior Brian Futrell (6-2, 215) is also in the WR picture, while senior Ron Sterling (6-5, 250) holds over as the incumbent at tight end.

Over on the other side of the line of scrimmage, UNT's rebuilt forward wall will be led by all-star candidate Corbin Montgomery (6-0, 250, sr.) at defensive end. Montgomery has 15 QB sacks over the last two seasons. Combatants for the other flank assignment are soph Ron Paris (6-3, 230) and juniors Jeff Harris (6-2, 235) and Derek Gordon (6-0, 230), with junior Zeb Cornist (6-5, 280) and seniors Chance Adair (6-4, 265) and Andre Phillips (6-1, 350) filling the tackle slots.

UNT is wall-to-wall with regulars at linebacker where juniors Jeff Rodgers (6-1, 235), Fred Pertile (6-0, 195) and Corry Pertile (6-3, 210) are back in uniform. That trio combined for a total of 236 tackles a year ago. Talented Darron Hester (6-1, 240, sr.) and Brad Kassell (6-3, 220, so.) provide capable backup support at linebacker.

The Mean Green loses all-league FS Phillip Littlejohn from its secondary, but Coach Dickey has a veteran contingent to assign to deep zone protection in '99. Senior Ramone Archie (5-11, 185) returns for his second year as the regular strong safety, Detron Woodson (6-0, 185, sr.) is a two-year starter at one corner, and senior

Kendrick Sapp (5-9, 165) and Lawrence Ellis (5-11, 185, jr.) shared starting duties in '98 at the other cornerback post. Look for Ellis to move over to fill Littlejohn's old FS spot this time around. Archie had 73 hits a year ago and Woodson returned one INT for a touchdown. Junior Heath Moody (6-1, 210) and senior Starsky Banks (6-2, 220) should see plenty of backup time in the secondary.

UNT welcomes back two-time All-Big West punter John Baker (6-3, 215, sr.), an All-America candidate this time out. Baker was averaging 46.8 yards per punt through six games before he was slowed with a foot injury last fall.

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** North Texas has a decent shot at improving its Big West standing this season, but only if Coach Dickey can coax an inspired performance out of his rebuilt offensive unit. Defensively, the experienced Mean Green stoppers should be tougher to dent this time out than last year's gang that allowed nearly 417 yards an outing to enemy attackers. Look for North Texas to continue to improve under Coach Dickey's capable leadership.

## ARKANSAS ST.

(4-8-0)	LETTERMEN Lost	17
	Returning	49
	STARTERS RETURNING	Offense 9
		Defense 7

The Indians will sample a varied menu as Coach Joe Hollis leads ASU into its first year of Big West Conference play. Also on the slate for this veteran club are teams from the Big Ten, WAC, Conference USA and the SEC.

ASU lives or dies by the pass, and will do so again this fall as junior Cleo Lemon (6-2, 230) returns for his third season as the starter at quarterback. Lemon set a number of school records last season as he threw for 2,721 yards and 14 TDs with 10 interceptions. Soph letterman Andy Shatley (6-3, 205) will again back up Lemon.

Junior Robert Kilow (5-11, 165), who averaged 22.8 yards on 29 catches last fall before missing three games with a broken collarbone, leads the

## 1998 Arkansas St Final Statistics

	Arkansas State	Opp
Points per game	18	32
1st Downs	179	266
Rush Att	396	544
Rush Yards	1021	2765
Avg Rush	2.6	5.1
Pass Comp	194	205
Pass Att	410	358
Pass Yds	2875	2596
Had Int	13	13
Off Yds per game	325	447

## 1998 RESULTS

S. 5	at Minnesota	(+27 1/2)	W	14-17
12	at Louisiana St	(+43)	W	6-42
19	SW Missouri St	(NL)		28-24
26	at Hawaii	(+11)	W	20-0
O. 3	New Mexico St	(NL)		34-31
10	Idaho	(NL)		14-52
17	at SW Louisiana	(NL)		19-21
24	at Mississippi	(+25 1/2)	W	17-30
31	at Memphis	(+12)	L	19-35
N. 7	Louisiana Tech	(NL)		21-69
14	NE Louisiana	(+4 1/2)	W	17-13
21	Cincinnati	(+4)	L	7-51

Indian receiving crew, with senior J.J. Washington (6-0, 200) back at the other wideout slot. Washington had 28 catches in '98. Lettermen Carlos McNeary (5-11, 165, so.) and Kevin Woods (5-8, 165, jr.) will also play key roles in the passing game. All-Big West candidate Ron Teat (6-3, 260, sr.) is the incumbent at tight end where he had 28 catches for 430 yards and five TDs a year ago. The strong-blocking duo of Anwar Cooper (6-6, 265, jr.) and Bo Boatright (6-4, 250, sr.) back up Teat.

Coach Hollis expects a big effort from the running back duo of Lamont Zachery (5-9, 185, sr.) and Jonathan Adams (6-0, 225, so.). Tenth all-time on the ASU ground gaining charts, Zachery ran for 558 yards and nine TDs last fall, while Adams netted 317 yards despite being slowed by injuries all season. Senior William Wooten (5-11, 200) will also see time at tailback, with bruising Jacquis Walker (6-0, 245, jr.) set to start at fullback. He had 16 catches last year with two scores.

Injuries created havoc in the offensive interior line last fall, but Coach Hollis has returning starters at every up front position, along with a solid crew of seasoned backups. Junior Jack Wright (6-1, 270) is in control at center, with Jamie Pond (6-3, 310, jr.) and Solomon Thomas

(6-4, 280, sr.) set to line up again at the guards. Senior Patrick Birdwell (6-4, 285) and soph Garrick Jones (6-4, 305) form the tackle tandem.

Enemy attacks had their way with the Indian defenders a year ago, averaging 446.7 yards per game in total offense, but ASU should be tougher this season with seven holdover starters on the D-side. In the trench, senior DE MaQuonzie Thomas (6-2, 260) leads the returnees after registering 11 hits for minus yardage with four QB sacks in '98. Senior letterman Duane Alvin (6-3, 275) has won starting rights at the other terminal, with veteran Lance Miller (5-11, 265, sr.) taking over at nose tackle. The reserve crew is inexperienced, with junior Chad Crader (6-1, 255) and redshirt freshman Peter Hardy (6-3, 295) the most promising backups.

The linebacking corps is experienced but lacks depth, with seniors Reginald Cooley (6-2, 220) and Michael Bailey (5-11, 215) back at their outside spots and Andy Henault (6-2, 250, sr.) and Segun Ajigbeda (6-2, 235, jr.) stationed again on the inside. Cooley, who was shifted from strong safety last season to LB, had 78 tackles with six QB sacks, while Bailey posted 90 hits. Henault was in on 69 tackles, 17 of which were behind

enemy lines with three sacks, while Ajigbeda had 62 stops, with eight for losses and two sacks. LeMarcus Harris (5-11, 220, sr.), Russell Seaton (6-1, 225, jr.) and Scott Miller (6-0, 230, sr.) are lettermen in reserve at linebacker.

Last fall's top tackler, strong safety Sean Mitchell (5-9, 190, jr.), is the headliner in the Indian deep defense. Last year, he rang up 126 tackles and had one interception. Junior Travis Ducking (5-11, 195), who had 60 tackles and two INTs, is the incumbent at free safety, with junior Kishan Cotton (5-10, 190, jr.) returning at one cornerback post. Cotton made 71 stops a year ago. Set to take over the corner slot opposite Cotton is soph letter winner Herman Hartman (5-9, 180), while backup support in the secondary will be provided by lettermen Keith Headley (6-1, 200, so.), Terrance Fuller (5-11, 190, so.) and Denishio Blanchett (5-9, 200, jr.).

**GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION:** Variety may be the spice of life, but it's going to do nothing for Joe Hollis' digestion this fall! Despite a veteran lineup, the Indians lack real scoring punch and are much too generous to opposing attack units. Three or four wins may be a lot for the '99 Arkansas State gridgers.

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### AKRON

9/4	at Penn St
9/11	at Buffalo
9/18	Temple
9/25	at E Michigan
10/2	at Ball St
10/8	Ohio
10/16	Bowling Green *
10/23	at Navy
10/30	W Michigan
11/6	at Miami
11/13	Kent

### ALABAMA

9/4	at Vanderbilt
9/11	Houston
9/18	Louisiana Tech
9/25	Arkansas
10/2	at Florida
10/16	at Mississippi
10/23	Tennessee
10/30	S Mississippi *
11/2	Louisiana St
11/13	Mississippi St
11/20	at Auburn

### ALABAMA-BIRM.

9/4	at Missouri
9/11	at Virginia Tech
9/25	Houston
10/2	NE Louisiana
10/9	Memphis *
10/16	at Cincinnati
10/23	at Wake Forest
10/30	at Louisville
11/6	E Carolina
11/13	Louisiana Tech
11/20	at Tulane

### ARIZONA

8/28	vs Penn St
9/4	at TCU
9/11	M Tennessee
9/18	Stanford
9/25	at Washington St
10/9	Southern Cal
10/16	UTEP
10/23	Oregon
10/30	at UCLA
11/6	Washington *
11/13	at Oregon St
11/27	at Arizona St

### ARIZONA STATE

9/4	Texas Tech
9/18	New Mexico St
9/25	at California
10/2	UCLA
10/9	at Notre Dame
10/16	at Washington
10/23	Washington St
10/30	at Oregon
11/6	at Southern Cal
11/13	Stanford *
11/27	Arizona

### ARKANSAS

9/4	at SMU
9/18	NE Louisiana
9/24	at Alabama
10/2	at Kentucky
10/9	M Tennessee St
10/16	S Carolina
10/30	Auburn *
11/6	at Mississippi
11/13	Tennessee
11/20	Mississippi St
11/27	at Louisiana St

### ARKANSAS STATE

9/4	at Illinois
9/11	at Mississippi
9/18	at Memphis
9/25	TCU
10/2	Sam Houston St
10/9	at Utah St
10/16	Idaho *
10/23	at N Texas
10/30	SW Louisiana
11/6	at Boise St
11/13	Nevada

### ARMY

9/11	Wake Forest
9/18	at Tulane
9/25	Ball St
10/2	E Carolina
10/7	Louisville
10/16	at S Mississippi
10/23	New Mexico St *
11/6	at Air Force
11/13	at Memphis
11/20	Houston
12/4	vs Navy

### AUBURN

9/4	Appalachian St
9/11	Idaho
9/18	at Louisiana St
9/25	Mississippi
10/2	at Tennessee
10/9	Mississippi St
10/16	Florida
10/30	at Arkansas
11/6	C Florida
11/13	at Georgia
11/20	Alabama

### BALL STATE

9/4	at Indiana
9/11	at Wisconsin
9/18	Toledo
9/25	at Army
10/2	Akron *
10/9	at N Illinois
10/23	at W Michigan
10/30	Ohio
11/6	at E Michigan
11/13	at Bowling Green
11/20	C Michigan

### BAYLOR

9/4	at Boston College
9/11	UNLV
9/18	at Oklahoma
9/25	Texas
10/2	N Texas
10/9	at Texas A&M
10/23	Texas Tech
10/30	at Kansas St
11/6	at Kansas
11/13	Colorado *
11/20	Oklahoma St

### BOISE STATE

9/4	at UCLA
9/11	S Utah
9/18	at Hawaii
9/25	New Mexico
10/2	Utah
10/9	E Washington
10/16	at N Texas
10/23	Nevada
10/30	at Utah St
11/6	Arkansas St
11/13	New Mexico St
11/20	at Idaho

### BOSTON COLLEGE

9/4	Baylor
9/18	at Navy
9/25	at Rutgers
10/2	Northeastern
10/9	at Temple
10/16	Pittsburgh
10/23	Miami
10/30	at Syracuse
11/13	W Virginia
11/20	at Notre Dame
11/26	at Virginia Tech

### BOWLING GREEN

9/4	at Pittsburgh
9/11	Tennessee Tech
9/18	at Marshall
9/25	at Kent
10/2	Toledo
10/9	Miami, OH *
10/16	at Akron
10/23	at Ohio
10/30	C Michigan
11/13	Ball St
11/20	at C Florida

### BRIGHAM YOUNG

9/9	Washington
9/16	Colorado St
9/25	Virginia
10/1	at Utah St
10/9	California *
10/16	at New Mexico
10/23	at UNLV
10/30	Air Force
11/6	at San Diego St
11/13	at Wyoming
11/27	Utah

### BROWN

9/18	at Yale
9/25	Lafayette
10/2	Cornell *
10/9	Princeton
10/16	Rhode Island
10/23	at Pennsylvania
10/30	at Fordham
11/6	Harvard
11/13	at Dartmouth
11/20	Columbia

### BUFFALO

9/11	Akron
9/18	at Connecticut
9/25	at Ohio
10/2	N Illinois
10/9	C Michigan *
10/16	at W Michigan
10/23	Marshall
10/30	at Kent
11/6	Hofstra
11/13	at Virginia
11/20	at Miami, OH

### CALIFORNIA

9/4	Rutgers
9/11	at Nebraska
9/24	Arizona St
10/2	at Washington St
10/9	at Brigham Young
10/16	at UCLA
10/23	Washington
10/30	Southern Cal
11/6	at Oregon St
11/13	Oregon
11/20	at Stanford

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

9/4	Purdue
9/11	at Florida
9/18	at Georgia Tech
9/25	at Georgia
10/2	E Illinois
10/16	Nicholls St
10/23	Louisiana Tech
10/30	E Michigan
11/6	at Auburn
11/13	at M Tennessee St
11/20	Bowling Green

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

9/2	E Illinois
9/11	at Syracuse
9/18	at Purdue
9/25	Miami
10/2	at W Michigan
10/9	at Buffalo
10/16	N Illinois *
10/30	at Bowling Green
11/6	Toledo
11/13	E Michigan
11/20	at Ball St

### CINCINNATI

9/4	Kent
9/11	Troy St
9/18	Wisconsin
9/25	at Ohio St
10/9	at Houston
10/16	Alabama-Birm.
10/23	at S Mississippi
10/30	at Miami, OH
11/6	Louisville *
10/13	at E Carolina
10/20	Memphis

### CLEMSON

9/4	Marshall
9/11	Virginia
9/23	at Virginia Tech
10/2	N Carolina *
10/9	at N Carolina St
10/16	at Maryland
10/23	Florida St
10/30	at Wake Forest
11/6	Duke
11/13	at Georgia Tech
11/20	at S Carolina

### COLORADO

9/4	vs Colorado St
9/11	San Jose St
9/18	Kansas *
9/25	at Washington
10/5	Missouri
10/16	at Texas Tech
10/23	at Iowa St
10/30	Oklahoma
11/6	at Kansas St
11/13	at Baylor
11/26	Nebraska

### COLORADO STATE

9/4	at Colorado
9/11	Nevada
9/16	at Brigham Young
10/2	New Mexico St
10/9	at Fresno St
10/16	San Diego St
10/23	at Wyoming
10/30	Utah
11/6	at New Mexico
11/20	Air Force
11/27	at UNLV

### COLUMBIA

9/18	at Harvard
9/25	Towson
10/2	at Lehigh
10/9	Bucknell
10/16	Pennsylvania *
10/23	Yale
10/30	at Princeton
11/6	Dartmouth
11/13	at Cornell
11/20	at Brown

### CORNELL

9/18	at Princeton
9/25	Fordham
10/2	at Brown
10/9	Harvard
10/16	at Colgate
10/23	at Dartmouth
10/30	Wagner
11/6	Yale *
11/13	Columbia
11/20	at Pennsylvania

### DARTMOUTH

9/18	at Pennsylvania
9/25	Colgate
10/2	at Lafayette
10/9	Lehigh
10/16	at Yale
10/23	Cornell
10/30	at Harvard
11/6	at Columbia
11/13	Brown
11/20	Princeton

### DUKE

9/11	at E Carolina
9/18	Northwestern
9/25	Vanderbilt *
10/2	vs Florida St
10/9	at Virginia
10/16	Georgia Tech
10/23	N Carolina St
10/30	at Maryland
11/6	at Clemson
11/13	Wake Forest
11/20	at N Carolina

### EAST CAROLINA

9/4	at W Virginia
9/11	Duke
9/18	at S Carolina
9/25	Miami, Fla.
10/2	at Army
10/9	S Mississippi
10/23	Tulane
10/30	at Houston
11/6	at Alabama-Birm
11/13	Cincinnati
11/20	N Carolina St

**EASTERN MICHIGAN**

9/11 at Michigan St  
 9/18 at Miami  
 9/25 Akron  
 10/2 at Louisville  
 10/9 W Michigan \*  
 10/16 Ohio  
 10/23 at Toledo  
 10/30 at C Florida  
 11/6 Ball St  
 11/13 at C Michigan  
 11/20 at N Illinois

**FLORIDA**

9/4 W Michigan  
 9/11 C Florida  
 9/18 Tennessee  
 9/25 at Kentucky  
 10/2 Alabama  
 10/9 at Louisiana St  
 10/16 at Auburn  
 10/30 vs Georgia  
 11/6 Vanderbilt  
 11/13 at S Carolina  
 11/20 Florida St

**FLORIDA STATE**

8/28 vs Louisiana Tech  
 9/11 Georgia Tech  
 9/18 N Carolina St  
 9/25 at N Carolina  
 10/2 vs Duke  
 10/9 Miami  
 10/16 Wake Forest \*  
 10/23 at Clemson  
 10/30 at Virginia  
 11/13 Maryland  
 11/20 at Florida

**FRESNO STATE**

9/4 Portland St  
 9/11 at Oregon St  
 9/18 at UCLA  
 9/25 at Nevada  
 10/2 TCU  
 10/9 Colorado St  
 10/16 at SMU  
 10/23 UTEP  
 10/30 at Tulsa  
 11/6 Rice  
 11/13 at Hawaii  
 11/20 San Jose St

**GEORGIA**

9/4 Utah St  
 9/11 S Carolina  
 9/25 C Florida  
 10/2 Louisiana St  
 10/9 at Tennessee  
 10/16 at Vanderbilt  
 10/23 Kentucky \*  
 10/30 at Florida  
 11/13 Auburn  
 11/20 at Mississippi  
 11/27 at Georgia Tech

**GEORGIA TECH**

9/4 at Navy  
 9/11 at Florida St  
 9/18 C Florida  
 9/30 Maryland  
 10/9 N Carolina  
 10/16 at Duke  
 10/30 N Carolina St  
 11/6 at Virginia  
 11/13 Clemson  
 11/20 at Wake Forest  
 11/27 Georgia

**HARVARD**

9/18 Columbia  
 9/25 at Holy Cross  
 10/2 Colgate  
 10/9 at Cornell  
 10/16 at Fordham  
 10/23 Princeton  
 10/30 Dartmouth  
 11/6 at Brown  
 11/13 Pennsylvania  
 11/20 at Yale

**HAWAII**

9/4 Southern Cal  
 9/11 E Illinois  
 9/18 Boise St  
 9/25 at SMU  
 10/2 UTEP \*  
 10/9 Rice  
 10/23 at Tulsa  
 10/30 TCU  
 11/6 at San Jose St  
 11/13 Fresno St  
 11/20 Navy  
 11/27 Washington St

**HOUSTON**

9/4 Rice  
 9/11 at Alabama  
 9/18 SW Louisiana  
 9/25 at Alabama-Birm.  
 10/9 Cincinnati \*  
 10/16 at N Carolina  
 10/23 at Louisville  
 10/30 E Carolina  
 11/6 Tulane  
 11/13 at Louisiana St  
 11/20 at Army

**IDAHO**

9/11 at Auburn  
 9/18 Washington St  
 10/2 at Wyoming  
 10/9 N Texas  
 10/16 at Arkansas St  
 10/23 Utah St \*  
 10/30 at New Mexico St  
 11/6 at Nevada  
 11/13 at Montana  
 11/20 Boise St

**ILLINOIS**

9/4 Arkansas St  
 9/11 San Diego St  
 9/18 at Louisville  
 9/24 Michigan St  
 10/2 at Indiana  
 10/16 Minnesota \*  
 10/23 at Michigan  
 10/30 Penn St  
 11/6 at Iowa  
 11/13 at Ohio St  
 11/20 Northwestern

**INDIANA**

9/4 Ball St  
 9/11 N Carolina  
 9/18 Kentucky  
 9/25 at Penn St  
 10/2 Illinois  
 10/9 Northwestern  
 10/16 at Wisconsin  
 10/23 at Iowa  
 10/30 Michigan  
 11/13 at Minnesota  
 11/20 Purdue

**IOWA**

9/4 Nebraska  
 9/11 at Iowa St  
 9/18 N Illinois  
 10/2 at Michigan St  
 10/9 Penn St  
 10/16 at Northwestern  
 10/23 Indiana \*  
 10/30 at Ohio St  
 11/6 Illinois  
 11/13 at Wisconsin  
 11/20 Minnesota

**IOWA STATE**

9/2 Indiana St  
 9/11 Iowa  
 9/18 at UNLV  
 9/25 Kansas St  
 10/9 at Nebraska  
 10/16 at Missouri  
 10/23 Colorado  
 10/30 Texas \*  
 11/6 at Texas Tech  
 11/13 Oklahoma  
 11/20 at Kansas

**KANSAS**

8/28 at Notre Dame  
 9/11 Cal St Northridge  
 9/18 at Colorado  
 9/25 San Diego St  
 10/2 SMU \*  
 10/9 at Kansas St  
 10/16 at Texas A&M  
 10/23 Missouri  
 10/30 Nebraska  
 11/6 Baylor  
 11/13 at Oklahoma St  
 11/20 Iowa St

**KANSAS STATE**

9/11 Temple  
 9/18 UTEP  
 9/25 at Iowa St  
 10/2 at Texas  
 10/9 Kansas  
 10/16 Utah St  
 10/23 at Oklahoma St  
 10/30 Baylor  
 11/6 Colorado  
 11/13 at Nebraska  
 11/20 Missouri

**KENT**

9/4 at Cincinnati  
 9/11 Navy  
 9/18 at Pittsburgh  
 9/25 Bowling Green  
 10/2 at Ohio  
 10/9 at Toledo  
 10/16 Miami \*  
 10/23 at N Illinois  
 10/30 Buffalo  
 11/6 Marshall  
 11/13 at Akron

**KENTUCKY**

9/4 Louisville  
 9/11 Connecticut  
 9/18 at Indiana  
 9/25 Florida  
 10/2 Arkansas  
 10/9 at S Carolina  
 10/16 Louisiana St  
 10/23 at Georgia  
 11/4 at Mississippi St  
 11/13 at Vanderbilt  
 11/20 Tennessee

**LOUISIANA STATE**

9/4 San Jose St  
 9/11 N Texas \*  
 9/18 Auburn  
 10/2 at Georgia  
 10/9 Florida  
 10/16 at Kentucky  
 10/23 at Mississippi St  
 10/30 Mississippi  
 11/6 at Alabama  
 11/13 Houston  
 11/27 Arkansas

**LOUISIANA TECH**

8/28 at Florida St  
 9/4 Texas A&M  
 9/11 Sam Houston St  
 9/18 at Alabama  
 10/2 at SW Louisiana  
 10/16 M Tennessee St \*  
 10/23 at C Florida  
 10/30 at Toledo  
 11/6 NE Louisiana  
 11/13 at Alabama-Birm  
 11/26 at S California

**LOUISVILLE**

9/4 at Kentucky  
 9/11 Tenn-Chattanooga  
 9/18 Illinois  
 9/25 Oklahoma  
 10/2 E Michigan  
 10/7 at Army  
 10/16 at Memphis  
 10/23 Houston  
 10/30 Alabama-Birm  
 11/6 at Cincinnati  
 11/20 S Mississippi

**MARSHALL**

9/4 at Clemson  
 9/11 Liberty  
 9/18 Bowling Green  
 9/25 Temple  
 10/2 at Miami  
 10/16 Toledo  
 10/23 at Buffalo  
 10/30 N Illinois  
 11/6 at Kent  
 11/13 at W Michigan  
 11/20 Ohio

**MARYLAND**

9/2 at Temple  
 9/11 W Carolina  
 9/18 W Virginia  
 9/30 at Georgia Tech  
 10/9 at Wake Forest  
 10/16 Clemson  
 10/23 N Carolina  
 10/30 Duke  
 11/6 at N Carolina St  
 11/13 at Florida St  
 11/20 Virginia

**MEMPHIS STATE**

9/4 Mississippi  
 9/11 at Mississippi St  
 9/18 Arkansas St  
 9/25 at Tennessee  
 10/2 Missouri  
 10/9 at Alabama-Birm  
 10/16 Louisville  
 10/30 at Tulane  
 11/6 S Mississippi  
 11/13 Army  
 11/20 at Cincinnati

**MIAMI, FLA**

8/29 vs Ohio St  
 9/4 Florida A&M  
 9/18 Penn St  
 9/25 at E Carolina  
 10/9 at Florida St  
 10/16 Temple  
 10/23 at Boston College  
 10/30 W Virginia  
 11/6 at Pittsburgh  
 11/13 at Virginia Tech  
 11/20 Rutgers  
 11/27 Syracuse

**MIAMI, OH**

9/4 at Northwestern  
 9/11 at W Virginia  
 9/18 E Michigan  
 9/25 at C Michigan  
 10/2 Marshall  
 10/9 at Bowling Green  
 10/16 at Kent  
 10/30 Cincinnati \*  
 11/6 Akron  
 11/13 at Ohio  
 11/20 Buffalo

**MICHIGAN**

9/4 \*Notre Dame  
 9/11 Rice  
 9/18 at Syracuse  
 9/25 at Wisconsin  
 10/2 Purdue \*  
 10/9 at Michigan St  
 10/23 Illinois  
 10/30 at Indiana  
 11/6 Northwestern  
 11/13 at Penn St  
 11/20 Ohio St

**MICHIGAN STATE**

9/2 Oregon  
 9/11 E Michigan  
 9/18 at Notre Dame  
 9/25 at Illinois  
 10/2 Iowa \*  
 10/9 Michigan  
 10/16 at Purdue  
 10/23 at Wisconsin  
 11/6 Ohio St  
 11/13 at Northwestern  
 11/20 Penn St

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST**

9/4 at Mississippi St  
 9/11 at Arizona  
 9/18 Wofford  
 9/25 at SW Louisiana  
 10/2 Troy St \*  
 10/9 at Arkansas  
 10/16 at Louisiana Tech  
 10/30 at NE Louisiana  
 11/6 Tennessee-Martin  
 11/13 C Florida  
 11/20 E Tennessee

**MINNESOTA**

9/5 Arkansas St  
 9/12 at Houston  
 9/19 Memphis  
 10/3 at Purdue  
 10/10 Penn St  
 10/17 at Ohio St  
 10/24 Michigan St  
 10/31 Michigan  
 11/7 at Wisconsin  
 11/14 at Indiana  
 11/21 Iowa



<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>		<b>NEW MEXICO</b>		<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS</b>		<b>OKLAHOMA STATE</b>		<b>PRINCETON</b>	
9/4	at Memphis	9/4	at UTEP	9/2	W Illinois	9/4	SW Louisiana	9/18	Cornell
9/11	Arkansas St	9/11	New Mexico St	9/11	at Vanderbilt	9/11	Tulsa	9/25	Lehigh
9/18	Vanderbilt	9/18	N Arizona	9/18	at Iowa	9/18	at Mississippi St	10/2	Fordham
9/25	at Auburn	9/25	at Boise St	9/25	W Michigan	10/2	at Nebraska	10/9	at Brown
10/2	at S Carolina	10/9	at San Diego St	10/2	at Buffalo	10/9	Texas Tech	10/16	Lafayette
10/9	Tulane	10/16	Brigham Young	10/9	Ball St *	10/23	Kansas St	10/23	at Harvard
10/16	Alabama	10/30	UNLV	10/16	at C Michigan	10/30	at Texas A&M	10/30	Columbia
10/30	at Louisiana St	11/6	Colorado St	10/23	Kent St	11/6	Texas	11/6	at Pennsylvania
11/6	Arkansas	11/13	at Utah	10/30	at Marshall	11/13	Kansas	11/13	Yale
11/20	Georgia	11/20	at Wyoming	11/13	at Toledo	11/20	at Baylor	11/20	at Dartmouth
11/25	at Mississippi St	11/27	Air Force	11/20	E Michigan	11/27	at Oklahoma		
<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE</b>		<b>NEW MEXICO STATE</b>		<b>NORTHWESTERN</b>		<b>OREGON</b>		<b>PURDUE</b>	
9/4	M Tennessee St	9/2	New Mexico Highlands	9/4	Miami, OH	9/2	at Michigan St	9/4	at C Florida
9/11	Memphis	9/11	at New Mexico	9/11	TCU	9/11	UTEP	9/11	Notre Dame
9/18	Oklahoma St	9/18	at Arizona St	9/18	at Duke	9/18	Nevada	9/18	C Michigan
9/25	S Carolina	9/25	at UTEP	9/25	at Purdue	9/25	Southern Cal	9/25	Northwestern
10/2	at Vanderbilt	10/2	at Colorado St	10/2	Minnesota	10/2	at Washington	10/2	at Michigan
10/9	at Auburn	10/9	Nevada *	10/9	at Indiana	10/9	at UCLA	10/9	at Ohio St
10/23	Louisiana St *	10/23	at Army	10/16	Iowa *	10/23	at Arizona	10/16	Michigan St *
11/4	Kentucky	10/30	Idaho	10/30	Wisconsin	10/30	Arizona St *	10/23	Penn St
11/13	at Alabama	11/6	at Utah St	11/6	at Michigan	11/6	Washington St	10/30	at Minnesota
11/20	at Arkansas	11/13	at Boise St	11/13	Michigan St	11/13	at California	11/6	Wisconsin
11/25	Mississippi	11/20	N Texas	11/20	at Illinois	11/20	Oregon St	11/20	at Indiana
<b>MISSOURI</b>		<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>		<b>NOTRE DAME</b>		<b>OREGON STATE</b>		<b>RICE</b>	
9/4	Alabama-Birm	9/4	Virginia	8/28	Kansas	9/4	at Nevada	9/4	at Houston
9/18	W Michigan	9/11	at Indiana	9/4	at Michigan	9/11	Fresno St	9/11	at Michigan
9/25	Nebraska	9/25	Florida St	9/11	at Purdue	9/18	Georgia Southern	9/18	at Texas
10/2	at Memphis	10/2	at Clemson	9/18	Michigan St	10/2	at Southern Cal	9/25	Navy
10/9	at Colorado	10/9	at Georgia Tech	10/2	Oklahoma	10/9	Washington	10/2	at Tulsa
10/16	Iowa St *	10/16	Houston	10/9	Arizona St	10/16	at Stanford	10/9	at Hawaii
10/23	at Kansas	10/23	at Maryland	10/16	Southern Cal	10/23	UCLA	10/16	San Jose St
10/30	Texas Tech	10/30	Furman	10/30	Navy	10/30	at Washington St	10/23	TCU
11/6	at Oklahoma	11/6	Wake Forest	11/6	at Tennessee	11/6	California	10/30	at SMU
11/13	Texas A&M	11/11	vs N Carolina St	11/13	at Pittsburgh	11/13	Arizona	11/6	at Fresno St
11/20	at Kansas St	11/20	Duke	11/20	Boston College	11/20	at Oregon	11/13	UTEP
<b>NAVY</b>		<b>NORTH CAROLINA ST</b>		<b>OHIO</b>		<b>PENN STATE</b>		<b>RUTGERS</b>	
9/4	Georgia Tech	8/28	at Texas	9/4	at Minnesota	8/28	Arizona	9/4	at California
9/11	at Kent	9/4	S Carolina	9/11	N Iowa	9/4	Akron	9/11	Texas
9/18	Boston College	9/11	William & Mary	9/18	at Ohio St	9/11	Pittsburgh	9/25	Boston College
9/25	at Rice	9/18	at Florida St	9/25	Buffalo	9/18	at Miami, Fla.	10/2	at Wake Forest
10/2	at W Virginia	9/25	at Wake Forest	10/2	Kent	9/25	Indiana	10/9	Virginia Tech
10/9	Air Force	10/9	Clemson	10/9	at Akron	10/9	at Iowa	10/16	at W Virginia
10/23	Akron *	10/16	Virginia	10/16	at E Michigan	10/16	Ohio St	10/23	Pittsburgh
10/30	at Notre Dame	10/23	at Duke	10/23	Bowling Green *	10/23	at Purdue	10/30	at Temple
11/6	at Rutgers	10/30	at Georgia Tech	10/30	at Ball St	10/30	at Illinois	11/6	Navy
11/13	Tulane	11/8	Maryland	11/13	Miami	11/6	Minnesota *	11/13	Syracuse
11/20	at Hawaii	11/11	vs N Carolina	11/20	at Marshall	11/13	Michigan	11/20	at Miami
12/4	vs Army	11/20	at E Carolina			11/20	at Michigan St		
<b>NEBRASKA</b>		<b>NORTH TEXAS</b>		<b>OHIO STATE</b>		<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>		<b>SAN DIEGO STATE</b>	
9/4	at Iowa	9/2	UNLV	8/29	vs Miami	9/18	Dartmouth	9/4	S Florida
9/11	California	9/11	at Louisiana St	9/11	UCLA	9/25	Villanova	9/11	at Illinois
9/18	S Mississippi	9/18	at Texas Tech	9/18	Ohio	10/2	Bucknell	9/18	at Southern Cal
9/25	at Missouri	10/2	at Baylor	9/25	Cincinnati	10/9	Fordham	9/25	at Kansas
10/2	Oklahoma St	10/9	at Idaho	10/2	Wisconsin	10/16	at Columbia	10/2	Air Force
10/9	Iowa St	10/16	Boise St	10/9	Purdue	10/23	Brown	10/16	at Colorado St
10/23	at Texas	10/23	Arkansas St	10/16	at Penn St	10/30	at Yale	10/23	at Utah
10/30	at Kansas	10/30	at Nevada	10/23	at Minnesota	11/6	Princeton *	11/6	Brigham Young
11/6	Texas A&M	11/13	at TCU	10/30	Iowa *	11/13	at Harvard	11/20	at UNLV
11/13	Kansas St	11/20	at New Mexico St	11/6	at Michigan St	11/20	Cornell	11/27	Wyoming
11/26	at Colorado	11/27	Utah St	11/20	Illinois				
<b>NEVADA</b>		<b>NORTHEAST LOUISIANA</b>		<b>OKLAHOMA</b>		<b>PITTSBURGH</b>		<b>SAN JOSE STATE</b>	
9/4	Oregon St	9/4	Nicholls St	9/11	Indiana St	9/4	Bowling Green	9/4	at Louisiana St
9/11	at Colorado St	9/11	at Minnesota	9/18	Baylor	9/11	at Penn St	9/11	at Colorado
9/18	at Oregon	9/18	at Arkansas	9/25	at Louisville	9/18	Kent	9/18	St. Mary's
9/25	Fresno St	9/25	Northwestern St	10/2	at Notre Dame	10/2	Temple	9/25	Tulsa
10/2	UNLV	10/2	at Alabama-Birm	10/9	Texas	10/7	Syracuse	10/2	at Stanford
10/9	at New Mexico St	10/8	at Utah	10/23	Texas A&M *	10/16	at Boston College	10/9	at TCU
10/23	at Boise St	10/16	Wyoming	10/30	at Colorado	10/23	at Rutgers	10/16	at Rice
10/30	N Texas	10/23	at SW Louisiana	11/6	Missouri	10/30	Virginia Tech	10/23	SMU
11/6	Idaho	10/30	M Tennessee St	11/13	at Iowa St	11/6	Miami	10/30	at UTEP
11/13	at Arkansas St	11/6	at Louisiana Tech	11/20	at Texas Tech	11/13	Notre Dame	11/6	Hawaii
11/20	Utah St	11/13	at Tulsa	11/27	Oklahoma St	11/27	at W Virginia	11/20	at Fresno St

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

9/4	N Carolina St
9/11	at Georgia
9/18	E Carolina
9/25	at Mississippi St
10/2	Mississippi
10/9	Kentucky
10/16	at Arkansas
10/23	Vanderbilt
10/30	at Tennessee
11/13	Florida
11/20	Clemson

**SOUTHERN CAL**

9/4	at Hawaii
9/18	San Diego St
9/25	at Oregon
10/2	Oregon St
10/9	at Arizona
10/16	at Notre Dame
10/23	Stanford
10/30	at California
11/6	Arizona St *
11/20	UCLA
11/26	Louisiana Tech

**SMU**

9/4	Arkansas
9/11	at Tulane
9/25	Hawaii
10/2	at Kansas
10/9	at UTEP
10/16	Fresno St
10/23	at San Jose St
10/30	Rice *
11/6	at TCU
11/13	Cal St Northridge
11/20	at Tulsa

**SOUTHERN MISS**

9/4	Tulane
9/11	NW Louisiana St
9/18	at Nebraska
9/25	at Texas A&M
10/9	at E Carolina
10/16	Army
10/23	Cincinnati
10/30	at Alabama
11/6	at Memphis
11/13	SW Louisiana *
11/20	at Louisville

**SW LOUISIANA**

9/4	Oklahoma St
9/11	Texas Tech
9/18	at Houston
9/25	M Tennessee St
10/2	Louisiana Tech
10/9	at Washington St
10/16	at Tulane
10/23	NE Louisiana *
10/30	at Arkansas St
11/13	at S Mississippi
11/20	Wofford

**STANFORD**

9/4	at Texas
9/11	Washington St
9/18	at Arizona
9/25	UCLA
10/2	San Jose St
10/16	Oregon St
10/23	at Southern Cal
10/30	at Washington
11/13	at Arizona St
11/20	California
11/27	Notre Dame

**SYRACUSE**

9/2	at Toledo
9/11	C Michigan
9/18	Michigan
9/25	W Virginia
10/2	Tulane
10/7	at Pittsburgh
10/16	at Virginia Tech
10/30	Boston College *
11/6	Temple
11/13	at Rutgers
11/27	at Miami

**TEMPLE**

9/2	Maryland
9/11	at Kansas St
9/18	at Akron
9/25	at Marshall
10/2	at Pittsburgh
10/9	Boston College
10/16	at Miami
10/23	at W Virginia
11/6	at Syracuse
11/20	Virginia Tech

**TENNESSEE**

9/4	Wyoming
9/18	at Florida
9/25	Memphis *
10/2	Auburn
10/9	Georgia
10/23	at Alabama
10/30	S Carolina
11/6	Notre Dame
11/13	at Arkansas
11/20	at Kentucky
11/27	Vanderbilt

**TEXAS**

9/4	Stanford
9/11	at Rutgers
9/18	Rice
9/25	at Baylor
10/2	Kansas St
10/9	vs Oklahoma
10/23	Nebraska
10/30	at Iowa St
11/6	at Oklahoma St
11/13	Texas Tech
11/26	at Texas A&M

**TEXAS A&M**

9/4	at Louisiana Tech
9/18	Tulsa
9/25	S Mississippi
10/2	at Texas Tech
10/9	Baylor
10/18	Kansas
10/23	at Oklahoma
10/30	Oklahoma St
11/6	at Nebraska
11/13	at Missouri
11/26	Texas

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN**

9/4	Arizona
9/11	at Northwestern
9/25	at Arkansas St
10/2	at Fresno St
10/9	San Jose St
10/16	Tulsa
10/23	at Rice
10/30	at Hawaii
11/6	SMU
11/13	N Texas
11/20	UTEP

**TEXAS TECH**

9/4	at Arizona St
9/11	at SW Louisiana
9/18	N Texas
10/2	Texas A&M
10/9	at Oklahoma St
10/16	Colorado *
10/23	at Baylor
10/30	at Missouri
11/6	Iowa St
11/13	at Texas
11/20	Oklahoma

**TEXAS-EL PASO**

9/4	New Mexico
9/11	at Oregon
9/18	at Kansas St
9/25	New Mexico St
10/2	at Hawaii
10/9	SMU *
10/16	at Arizona
10/23	at Fresno St
10/30	San Jose St
11/6	Tulsa
11/13	Rice
11/20	at TCU

**TOLEDO**

9/2	Syracuse
9/18	at Ball St
9/25	Massachusetts
10/2	at Bowling Green
10/9	Kent
10/16	at Marshall
10/23	E Michigan *
10/30	Louisiana Tech
11/6	at C Michigan
11/13	N Illinois
11/20	W Michigan

**TULANE**

9/4	at S Mississippi
9/11	SMU
9/18	Army
10/2	at Syracuse
10/9	at Mississippi
10/16	SW Louisiana
10/23	at E Carolina
10/30	Memphis
11/6	Houston
11/13	at Navy
11/20	Alabama-Birm.

**TULSA**

9/4	SW Missouri St
9/11	at Oklahoma St
9/18	at Texas A&M
9/25	at San Jose St
10/2	Rice
10/16	at TCU
10/23	Hawaii *
10/30	Fresno St
11/6	at UTEP
11/13	NE Louisiana
11/20	SMU

**UCLA**

9/4	Boise St
9/11	at Ohio St
9/18	Fresno St
9/24	at Stanford
10/2	at Arizona St
10/9	Oregon
10/16	California
10/23	at Oregon St
10/30	Arizona
11/13	Washington
11/20	at Southern Cal

**UNLV**

9/4	at N Texas
9/11	at Baylor
9/18	Iowa St
9/25	Utah
10/2	at Nevada, Reno
10/9	at Wyoming
10/23	Brigham Young *
10/30	at New Mexico
11/13	at Air Force
11/20	San Diego St
11/27	Colorado St

**UTAH**

9/4	at Washington St
9/18	Utah St
9/25	at UNLV
10/2	at Boise St
10/9	NE Louisiana
10/16	at Air Force
10/23	San Diego St
10/30	at Colorado St
11/6	Wyoming
11/13	New Mexico
11/27	at Brigham Young

**UTAH STATE**

9/4	at Georgia
9/11	SF Austin
9/18	at Utah
10/1	Brigham Young
10/9	Arkansas St
10/16	at Kansas St
10/23	at Idaho
10/30	Boise St
11/6	New Mexico St
11/20	at Nevada
11/27	at N Texas

**VANDERBILT**

9/4	Alabama
9/11	N Illinois
9/18	at Mississippi
9/25	at Duke
10/2	Mississippi St
10/9	The Citadel
10/16	Georgia
10/23	at S Carolina
11/6	at Florida
11/13	Kentucky
11/27	at Tennessee

**VIRGINIA**

9/4	at N Carolina
9/11	at Clemson
9/18	Wake Forest
9/25	at Brigham Young
10/2	Virginia Tech
10/9	Duke
10/16	at N Carolina St
10/30	Florida St
11/6	Georgia Tech
11/13	Buffalo
11/20	at Maryland

**VIRGINIA TECH**

9/4	James Madison
9/11	Alabama-Birm
9/23	Clemson
10/2	at Virginia
10/9	at Rutgers
10/16	Syracuse *
10/30	at Pittsburgh
11/6	at W Virginia
11/13	Miami
11/20	at Temple
11/26	Boston College

**WAKE FOREST**

9/11	at Army
9/18	at Virginia
9/25	N Carolina St
10/2	Rutgers
10/9	Maryland
10/16	at Florida St
10/23	Alabama-Birm
10/30	Clemson
11/6	at N Carolina
11/13	at Duke
11/20	Georgia Tech

**WASHINGTON**

9/9	at Brigham Young
9/18	Air Force
9/25	Colorado
10/2	Oregon
10/9	at Oregon St
10/16	Arizona St
10/23	at California
10/30	Stanford *
11/6	at Arizona
11/13	at UCLA
11/20	Washington St

**WASHINGTON ST**

9/4	Utah
9/11	at Stanford
9/18	at Idaho
9/25	Arizona
10/2	California *
10/9	SW Louisiana
10/23	at Arizona St
10/30	Oregon St
11/6	at Oregon
11/13	Southern Cal
11/20	at Washington
11/27	at Hawaii

**WEST VIRGINIA**

9/4	vs E Carolina
9/11	Miami, OH
9/18	at Maryland
9/25	at Syracuse
10/2	Navy
10/16	Rutgers *
10/23	Temple
10/30	at Miami
11/6	Virginia Tech
11/13	at Boston College
11/27	Pittsburgh

**WESTERN MICHIGAN**

9/4	at Florida
9/11	Youngstown St
9/18	at Missouri
9/25	at N Illinois
10/2	C Michigan
10/9	at E Michigan
10/16	Buffalo
10/23	Ball St *
10/30	at Akron
11/13	Marshall
11/20	at Toledo

**WISCONSIN**

9/4	Murray St
9/11	Ball St
9/18	at Cincinnati
9/25	Michigan
10/2	at Ohio St
10/9	at Minnesota
10/16	Indiana *
10/23	Michigan St
10/30	at Northwestern
11/6	at Purdue
11/13	Iowa

**WYOMING**

9/4	at Tennessee
9/11	Weber St
9/25	at Air Force
10/2	Idaho
10/9	UNLV *
10/16	at NE Louisiana
10/23	Colorado St
11/6	at Utah
11/23	Brigham Young
11/20	New Mexico
11/27	at San Diego St

**YALE**

9/18	Brown
9/25	Valparaiso
10/2	at San Diego
10/9	at Holy Cross
10/16	Dartmouth
10/23	at Columbia
10/30	Pennsylvania
11/6	at Cornell
11/13	at Princeton
11/20	Harvard



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